



THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, LANCASTER.

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM

FOR THE CARE, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING OF

IDIOTIC, IMBECILE, AND WEAK-MINDED

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS,

BELONGING TO

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND,
CUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

‘God help the Imbecile! more dark their lot
Than dumb, or deaf, the cripple, or the blind :
The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind ;
Babes though full-grown ; the page of life a blot.

‘ Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred ?
Their need o’erlooked ? shall Charity pass by,
Leave them to perish with averted eye ?
Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord !’

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DECEMBER, 1887.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I BEQUEATH TO THE TREASURER, for the time being, of THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS AND IMBECILES, situate at Lancaster, the sum of _____ to be applied to the purposes of that Institution, such Legacy to be paid, in precedence of the other pecuniary Legacies hereby bequeathed, out of such part of my Personal Estate, not specifically bequeathed, as the law permits to be appropriated by Will to charitable purposes.

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P R O S P E C T U S .

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM has been established for the care, education, and training of Idiots and Imbeciles of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties, viz.:—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland. The number of Idiots and Imbeciles in England and Wales, returned at the Census of 1881 was 32,717. Of these, 8,764 belong to the Seven Counties, 2,422 being between Five years of age and Twenty. But accurate statistics as to the prevalence of idiocy or imbecility are difficult to obtain, and there is no doubt that the foregoing returns are considerably below the actual number, owing to the general ignorance on the subject, and the natural desire in families to conceal the existence of the malady.

Idiocy being generally accompanied by an abnormal or imperfectly developed physical organisation, which retards the growth of the intellectual and moral powers, Idiots require a distinctive treatment in separate Institutions, where the resources of the skilful physician can be best employed for the modification or correction of those defects which obscure the mind. The Commissioners in Lunacy, and the medical profession generally, condemn the association of Idiots with Lunatics, as in all respects very objectionable and mutually injurious. In their Report for 1865, the Commissioners observe: “It has long been our opinion, as the result of extended experience and observation, that the association of Idiot children with Lunatics is very objectionable and injurious to them, and upon our visits to County Asylums we have frequently suggested arrangements for their separate treatment and instruction. It is always to us a painful thing to see Idiot children, whose mental faculties and physical powers and habits are capable of much development and improvement, wandering, without object or special care, about the wards of a Lunatic Asylum. The benefits to be derived, even in idiot cases apparently hopeless, from a distinctive system, and from persevering endeavours to develop the dormant powers, physical and intellectual, are now so fully established that any argument upon the subject would be superfluous.” Again, in their Report for 1874, the Commissioners state: “We should be glad to see the noble example of the Northern Counties in this direction followed in other parts of the kingdom, since Idiots form a large proportion of the mentally afflicted, and require peculiar treatment, distinct from that applicable to the Insane.” Referring to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, the *Lancet* (June 20th, 1868) says:—“We hail the establishment of this Asylum as another proof of the more scientific therapeutics to which the insane are now subjected. Till within the last few years the Idiot or the Imbecile child was invariably accommodated, not only in the same building, but in the same ward, with the victims to dementia, melancholia, or chronic mania. The effects of this indiscriminate classification and treatment were most pernicious. The young Idiot or Imbecile, at the impressible and plastic period of his life, suffered from daily and nightly contact with those confirmed or aggravated cases of lunacy, and the only opportunity available for his rescue was then allowed to slip, until his case also became aggravated or confirmed. The benefits of the new system have been signally satisfactory.”

That much may be done to render the poor Idiot's life more tolerable to himself and less burdensome to his friends, has been abundantly demonstrated by the success of existing asylums. Dr. Langdon Down, speaking from his long experience as the Superintendent of the largest Idiot Asylum in this country, calculates that of the cases admitted into that Institution, “10 per cent. become self-supporting; 40 per cent. become so far improved as to cease to use up a sane life in their care, and become contributors to the common stock; and the remainder, all but 6 per cent., are invariably

improved in their habits, and become greatly lessened burdens on their families and society." Dr. Duncan, F.R.S., and Mr. Millard, in their work on the "Classification, Training, and Education of Idiots," thus describe the success of specific treatment:—"Weak physical powers have been strengthened, uncleanly habits have been cured, the spiteful and irritable have become calm, the dependent self-depending; the idle have been rendered useful, the untutored have learned to read, write, count, and draw; the ability to earn much towards their own livelihood has been acquired by some, while in a few instances the capacity for earning sufficient for a maintenance and laying it out for themselves has been gained; and the moral and religious feelings have been aroused and fostered, so that excellent characters have been produced, and deeds of simple kindness have been performed by those who were once selfish, sensual, and depraved." The late Dr. Seguin, the distinguished physician, who may be regarded as the pioneer in this noble work, said, after thirty years' practical experience in the education and training of Idiots:—"Idiots have been improved, educated, and even cured; not one in a thousand has been entirely refractory to treatment; not one in a hundred who has not been made more happy and healthy; more than thirty per cent. have been taught to conform to social and moral law, and rendered capable of order, of good feeling, and of working like the third of a man; more than 40 per cent. have become capable of the ordinary transactions of life, under friendly control, of understanding moral and social abstractions, of working like two-thirds of a man; and twenty-five to thirty per cent. come nearer and nearer the standard of manhood, till some of them will defy the scrutiny of good judges when compared with ordinary young men and women."

The ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM is situated about a mile from Lancaster; and the Estate upon which it is erected consists of about 105 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the Lake Mountains. Accommodation has been provided for 600 inmates, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of idiots and imbeciles. The system of Training pursued in the Asylum is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental, and moral improvement of the patients, and is under the immediate direction of a Medical Superintendent. It includes gymnastic training, school education of a suitable kind, and instruction in a simple handicraft or other useful occupation.

Epileptic, Paralytic, and Insane Persons are *not* eligible for admission; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Idiocy which is complicated with blindness or deafness, is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations:—

PATIENTS.—Two classes of Patients, of both sexes, are admitted into the Asylum:—

1. Free patients, between the ages of Six and Fifteen, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are elected by the votes of the Subscribers, and received for Seven years, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Asylum.
2. Paying patients admitted by the Central Committee, without Election, and at any time. The charges vary according to the requirements and circumstances of the friends of applicants.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the General Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain if there be a reasonable probability that the Candidates will be benefited by the system adopted in the Asylum, and decide the terms on which they ought to be admitted. Previously to the election, a list of approved applicants from each County will be sent to the Subscribers entitled to vote for the admission of patients.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—In order to meet the various opinions entertained as to the proper mode of electing patients, Subscribers have the option of voting directly, by means of voting papers; or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for Votes is prohibited.

VOTES.—Donors of Five Guineas have a Life Vote, and Annual Subscribers of Half-a-Guinea an Annual Vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

VOTES OF MINISTERS.—Any Minister preaching, or lending his pulpit for, a Sermon on behalf of the Institution, has a Vote for Life. The Minister of the Place of Worship where the Collection is made, is also entitled to Life Votes for the amount thus raised, at the rate of One Vote for every Five Guineas.

PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every Ten Guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT.—The Government of the Institution is confided to—

- (a) A Central Committee, which consists of Representatives from each of the Local Committees, and of Fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, to be chosen at the General Annual Meeting.
- (b) County Committees, constituted by the Members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Asylum.
- (c) Local Committees, for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Asylum. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one Representative to the Central Committee, and an additional Representative for each entire Thousand Guineas in Donations after the first Thousand Guineas, and for each entire Fifty Guineas in Annual Subscriptions after the first Fifty Guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions. Of the 552 patients now in the Asylum, 254 belong to Lancashire, 171 to Yorkshire, 40 to Durham, 39 to Cheshire, 20 to Cumberland, 16 to Northumberland, 8 to Westmorland. Four full payment cases belong to counties not included in the Asylum district.

Testimony to the successful working of the Royal Albert Asylum has been borne by the Commissioners in Lunacy; by the late Dr. Seguin, of New York; and by other eminent authorities. The *Manchester Guardian*, *Manchester Examiner*, *Manchester Courier*, *Liverpool Courier*, *Leeds Mercury*, *Sheffield Independent*, *Bradford Observer*, *Yorkshire Post*, *Preston Herald*, *Halifax Courier*, *Southport Visiter*, and other leading journals, have sent Special Correspondents to describe the daily life of the Institution.

The OBJECT being one of broad Christian philanthropy, CHALLENGES THE SYMPATHY OF ALL CLASSES, and the Committee now confidently appeal for help to raise the Idiot and Imbecile from their state of wasteful sloth, physical deterioration, and mental and moral darkness. Owing to inadequacy of income the accommodation provided is not yet fully utilised, although the Applications for Admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested, under Rule 36, for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Reports, Pamphlets, Regulations of Admission, and other information, will be gladly supplied by the General Secretary, Mr. James Diggins, Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster.

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November, 1887.

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The ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM having been established for the benefit of all classes of Idiots and Imbeciles, the Central Committee have purchased a Detached House with extensive private grounds, in convenient proximity to the Asylum Estate, as a Home for special Private Patients attending the Schools and other Occupations at the Institution. BRUNTON HOUSE combines, for Private Patients paying remunerative rates, the seclusion and comforts of a Private Residence with the hygienic, educational, and training resources of a Public Institution under responsible management.

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM

FOR

IDIOTS AND IMBECILES OF THE NORTHERN COUNTIES,
LANCASTER.

INSTITUTED DECEMBER 21, 1864.

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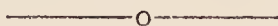
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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT CHESTER.



The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the Royal Albert Asylum was held at the Town Hall, Chester, on Thursday, December 8th, 1887 :

THE HIGH SHERIFF OF CHESHIRE,

(JAMES TOMKINSON, Esq.)

PRESIDING.

The Proceedings having been opened with Prayer by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Chester, the Report of the Central Committee was presented by the General Secretary (Mr. James Diggins), and the Chairman addressed the Meeting. Mr. Alderman C. Brown then read the List of Successful Candidates at the Election of Patients held on the same day.

The following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed :—

- 1.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented ; and, whilst recognising with sincere gratification the growth of the Institution, the gradual augmentation of its financial resources, and the success of the measures adopted for ameliorating the condition of the afflicted inmates, heartily commends the Royal Albert Asylum to increased liberality on the part of all classes in Cheshire and the other Counties associated for the promotion of its benevolent objects.

Moved by the Right Hon. John T. Hibbert, (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee) ; seconded by Henry Garnett, Esq., Lancaster, (Chairman of the Finance Committee) ; supported by the Worshipful the Mayor of Chester (W. Brown, Esq.), and the Very Rev. the Dean of Chester.

- 2.—That the cordial thanks of this Meeting be given to the Committee and Collectors of the Cheshire Ladies' Association for their able, zealous, and successful efforts to increase the amount of contributions from Cheshire ; that grateful acknowledgment be also made of the valuable assistance of other Ladies' Associations in connection with the Royal Albert Asylum ; and that the co-operation of the County and Local Committees be invited for the formation of additional Ladies' Associations.

Moved by Edward Lawrence, Esq., Liverpool, (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee) ; seconded by Edward S. Heywood, Esq., Manchester.

- 3.—That the thanks of the Subscribers be given to the Lancaster Members of the Central Committee for their past services ; and, in compliance with Rule 24, this Meeting hereby appoints the Right Hon. LORD WINMARLEIGH, and the following gentlemen, Members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year :—

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W. H. HIGGIN, ESQ., Q.C.	WILLIAM ROPER, ESQ.	

Moved by Alderman Chas. Brown, Chester ; seconded by G. Buckston Browne, Esq., Preston.

- 4.—That the following Noblemen and Gentlemen (with power to add to their number) be invited to act as the County of Chester Committee in furtherance of the interests of the Royal Albert Asylum:—

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	Mr. JAS. DIGGENS, General Sec.

Moved by Albert Greg, Esq., Lancaster; seconded by E. G. Paley, Esq., Lancaster.

- 5.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Honorary Auditor, the Rev. David Davis, and to the Professional Auditor, Mr. W. G. Welch, for their Audit of the Accounts of the Institution, and for their examination of the Securities held on the Sustentation Fund Account; and this Meeting, in compliance with Rule 34, hereby appoints for the ensuing year Sir Thomas Storey, Knt., as Honorary Auditor, and Mr. W. G. Welch, as Professional Auditor.

Moved by R. Nicholson, Esq., Southport; seconded by R. Hurst, Esq., Rochdale.

- 6.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of this Institution be held at Halifax, on Wednesday, September 26th, 1888; and that notice thereof be given in the Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, York, Sheffield, Huddersfield, Lancaster, Chester, Manchester, Liverpool, Kendal, Carlisle, Durham, and Newcastle Newspapers.

Moved by Samuel Rigby, Esq., Chester; seconded by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Chester.

- 7.—A cordial Vote of Thanks to the Chairman was moved by John Thompson, Esq., (Hon. Sec., Cheshire Committee); and seconded by G. A. Dickson, Esq., (ex-Mayor of Chester.)



REPORT

Presented at the General Annual Meeting,

At the Town Hall, Chester, December 8th, 1887.

THE Central Committee have much pleasure in submitting at Chester, to a General Meeting of the Subscribers and Friends of the Royal Albert Asylum, their Twenty-third Annual Report.

It must be understood that these Reports date from the first anniversary of the Institutory Meeting, when the project for establishing a Northern Counties' Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles was adopted. The practical work of the Asylum commenced in December, 1870, on the completion of the Brooke Wing, when 13 patients were admitted; and it was not until the autumn of 1873 that the Girls' portion of the Asylum was ready for occupation and the whole of the building was finished.

The claims of the Institution have been advocated at Chester on several important occasions. In August, 1871, a County Meeting was held, under the presidency of the Lord Lieutenant, the late Lord Egerton of Tatton, who ever evinced the most hearty and generous interest in the progress of the Institution, and who, as Chairman of the Cheshire

Cheshire
Support.

Committee, gave it very influential and practical support. Again in 1876 his Lordship presided at the General Annual Meeting held at Chester. In the late Bishop Jacobson and Dean Howson the Institution had hearty friends. To the present Lord Egerton of Tatton it is under many obligations. His Grace the Duke of Westminster has from the first been a warm and liberal supporter. In June, 1884, his Grace presided at a public meeting held in connection with the election of 50 patients, and again in October, 1885, at a meeting for the formation of a Cheshire Ladies' Association, of which the Duchess of Westminster became the active president. The great success of this Association was described in the last Annual Report, and its continued efficiency and financial success testify to the persevering, self-denying zeal of the ladies who have so admirably devised and carried out its organisation. It affords an excellent example of the powerful assistance which such associations may render to the Royal Albert Asylum.

General Annual
Meeting at
Durham.

The last General Annual Meeting was held at Durham, and, in the absence of the Marquis of Londonderry, it was presided over by the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham. It was well attended, and the deputation from the Central Committee, was, as on previous visits, most hospitably entertained by local friends of the Asylum. Lord Winmarleigh, Chairman of the Central Committee, was unavoidably absent through indisposition; but Mr. W. H. Higgin, Q.C., Mr. J. P. C. Starkie, and other active members of the Committee, explained, from an intimate acquaintance, the working of the institution, and ably advocated its claims. The Chairman, in the course of his most interesting introductory address, said:—

Speech of the
Dean of
Durham.

“The subject of their meeting was the very first on which he ventured to address an assembly in that hall seventeen years ago. It was almost impossible for one to look round to see how many of their friends who were then amongst them were now absent, or that one should think of what had happened since then, and it might be think of the poor part one had been enabled to take in promoting the glory of God in that as in similar occupations. It was almost impossible not to have a feeling of sadness, yet at the same time it was a matter of unfeigned satisfaction that he could once more plead the cause of the society whose objects they were met together that day to further. That society was one of a somewhat peculiar character.

Perhaps its objects were not so completely understood that he should not enter into some details on the subject. It was not exactly the same as an asylum for the assistance of persons afflicted with that great mental disease—lunacy. No greater calamity and no greater trial could be visited by God's Providence upon any of His creatures than either lunacy or idiotcy. It was part of that great mystery of pain which made them sometimes feel astonished that the Great and Good Governor of the World should have suffered such an affliction to enter in amongst His subjects. But undoubtedly idiotcy had its peculiar features, which in some respects differed from those of lunacy, and were such as might well touch them all. Some of them may have been acquainted in their parishes with the poor idiot. They may have seen some poor creature not so carefully attended as a lunatic would be for the safety of those around him, but allowed to wander uncared for. Sometimes they found him treated partly as a joke, and at other times treated with a degree of carelessness which amounted to unkindness. They knew from what they had read and seen that there were many such instances. But it was a remarkable fact that even our own great poet was not afraid to deal boldly with the subject of insanity, and yet he scarcely ventured to refer to that of idiotcy. He seemed to have thought that it was scarcely fit to call forth the generous emotions of man. Sad as it sounded, they had hardly an instance in poetry of an idiot being made really touching to them, and although there were many cases of the jangled tones of the lunatic, he hardly remembered one where the writer completely brought the pathetic features of idiotcy before them, except, perhaps, in Shakespeare's *King Lear*, where Edgar, as they remembered, affected for a time to be an idiot, and wandered about with the cry of "Poor Tom's a-cold." Well, as he had just said, no doubt idiotcy had its most touching features, and those features very often assumed a religious character. The late Dean of Westminster, who had been travelling abroad, once told him that he was very much struck by the religious feeling which attached to many of the idiots, particularly in Brittany. And, although, as they knew many poor idiots had been very hardly dealt with, still, as civilisation progressed there were found men who would devote their whole thought and life and energy to the subject, and who were determined to triumph over it and to achieve a great victory. * * * * The Royal Albert Asylum was the only one of its kind in the North of England, and there being between seven and eight thousand of these poor idiots scattered over that extensive area, it was their bounden duty as men and as Christians to care for them, because there was no one else to care for them. He (the chairman) urged those present to master the facts he had laid before them, and as much as possible impress them upon the minds of the whole population, and not least upon the minds of the poorest around them. But it was really the question of the poor and not the question of the well-to-do, except in so far as that they should always take the lead in objects of charity; and they must impress upon the masses that they must try to do their part in that great work of civilization and humanity. Therefore, once more he would call the attention of that intelligent meeting to the great claims of that institution. It might be said that they were not very large in point of numbers. That was impossible for a meeting called at that

hour of the day. They could not have what they should very much wish to have, the presence of their operative friends. But they must remember, as he could not too often repeat, that all these things were done by a few beginning the work and determining to impress it upon the many; and he could not conclude better than by saying that a work of this kind commended itself to their every feeling of Christian charity. It was a work in which they might imitate their blessed Lord Himself. They might collect these poor creatures whom they must care for, and who wandered about now, as it were, naked amongst the tombs, and they might bring them to sit at the feet of the Lord, clothed and in their right mind.

Election of
Patients at
Durham.

In connection with that meeting there was an Election of seventy patients, which increased the number of inmates to 561. Of the new patients, 32 were from Lancashire, 22 from Yorkshire, 6 from Cheshire, 6 from Durham, 2 from Cumberland, 1 from Westmorland, and 1 from Northumberland.

Number and
Classification of
Patients.

The total number of patients now in the Asylum is 552, whose classification according to the counties from which they have been received is as follows :—

LANCASHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	254
YORKSHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	171
DURHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
CHESHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
CUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
NORTHUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
WESTMORLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
OTHER COUNTIES	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
								552

There were in the Asylum at the date of the last Report 537 patients, of whom 365 were males and 172 females; the present number is 552, 366 being males and 186 females. The average number resident during the year has been 548. There have been 92 admissions, 61 discharges, and 16 deaths. Of the 552 present inmates, 321 are election cases, 197 reduced-payment cases, 11 full-payment cases, 15 associated and private cases, 4 life-interest cases, and 4 presentation cases.

Vacant
Accommodation

With the continued generous support of the benevolent public of the North of England, the Central Committee hope to be able soon to increase the number of recipients to the maximum of 600. It will be appropriate that this object

should be accomplished before the next General Annual Meeting, as the 17th of June, 1888, will be the Twentieth Anniversary of the ceremony of laying the Foundation Stone of the Asylum.

The contributions from the Associated Counties during the past year have been as follows :—

Contributions
from the
Associated
Counties.

COUNTIES.	MAINTENANCE FUND.			SUSTENTA- TION FUND.	TOTAL.
	Annual Subscrip- tions.	Donations	Legacies.	Legacies.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
LANCASHIRE	1652 10 0	221 13 10	.....	846 9 1	2720 12 11
YORKSHIRE	1447 17 3	300 11 2	10 0 0	.....	1758 8 5
CHESHIRE	470 1 0	129 16 8	50 8 0	270 11 5	920 17 1
WESTMORLAND	94 16 0	11 11 0	.....	.....	106 7 0
CUMBERLAND	362 13 2	74 6 8	.....	1450 0 0	1886 19 10
DURHAM.....	430 19 3	17 12 0	.....	.....	448 11 3
NORTHUMBERLAND.....	32 11 0	.....	.....	.....	32 11 0
	4491 7 8	755 11 4	60 8 0	2567 0 6	7874 7 6

The total amount of the previous year's contributions was £13,868 7s. od., of which £7,691 5s. od. consisted of legacies, including a bequest of £5,000. The legacies paid in the last financial year amounted to £2,567 os. 6d. This is, of course, a very uncertain, fluctuating source of income, though one indispensable to the stability of the Institution, and it is commended to the favourable regard of those who desire to perpetuate their charity. There has been a falling off in the amount of the annual subscriptions from Lancashire, Yorkshire, Westmorland, and Northumberland, while in Cheshire, Durham, and Cumberland, there has been an increase. The amount of the donations has, no doubt, been affected by the contributions to the Recreation Hall Fund, for which a special appeal has been made.

But the general financial condition of the Institution may be considered as very satisfactory. The total amount received during the year from all sources has been £23,857 2s. 5d., viz. :—£19,616 8s. 5d. for the Maintenance Fund, £2,567 os. 6d. for the Sustentation Fund, and £1,674 3s. 6d. for the Recreation Hall Fund. The payments for patients have increased from £8,494 2s. 6d. to

General
Financial
Condition.

£9,552 7s. 10d., and the interest and dividends from the Sustentation Fund investments from £3,697 19s. 4d. to £3,898 10s. 10d.

Investment.

The sum of £1,571 8s. 0d. has been invested in the purchase of £1,500 of Canadian Government Inscribed Stock at 4 per cent.

Weekly Cost.

The average weekly cost of maintenance per head has been 12s. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. The building and furnishing items, which are not taken into account in the annual return to the Commissioners in Lunacy, amount to the unusually large sum of £1,368 14s. 5d. Deducting these items the weekly cost per head has been 11s. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., an unprecedentedly low amount. A large proportion of the furnishing items has been incurred in the equipment of the new Branch Establishment at Brunton House.

Audit.

The Balance Sheets and Books of Account have been thoroughly examined by the professional auditor, Mr. W. G. Welch, and by the honorary auditor, the Rev. D. Davis, B.A., who, with his usual readiness to render practical assistance, kindly supplied the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. C. Moon. Attention is directed to the appended report, which is of a satisfactory character.

Legacies.

The following Legacies have been received during the year :—

	£	s.	d.
Miss Mary S. Rooke, Keswick	1000	0	0
Miss Alice Lowe, Blackpool	500	0	0
Miss Frances Barnes, Carlisle	450	0	0
Mrs. Mary Kitson, Rochdale	346	9	1
Mrs. Mary Redfern, Knutsford	270	11	5
Miss Eliza Brooks, Willaston, Cheshire	50	8	0
J. W. Leather, Leeds	10	0	0

Work of Ladies' Associations.

The work of the Ladies' Associations has been prosecuted with considerable ability and indefatigable zeal. There have been, in some districts, special difficulties owing to the peculiar obligations of the year. The entire amount received from these Associations has been £2,344 7s. 1d.

In the last Report the amount was £2,545 15s. 6d., which was an increase of £1,121 10s. 7d. upon the previous year's collection. This large advance was due to the formation of two new Associations, viz., the Manchester and Salford District Ladies' Association (including the Rochdale Branch), and the Cheshire Ladies' Association. The warmest gratitude of the Central Committee is due to the Committees, Officers, and Collectors of the Ladies' Associations for their persevering efforts, happily crowned with great success, to assist the funds of the Institution; nor are the efforts of these zealous ladies confined to the collection of contributions. Necessitous and eligible cases are sought out and investigated, and powerful aid rendered in procuring their admission into the Asylum. The Central Committee would again very earnestly invite the co-operation of ladies in other portions of the Seven Northern Counties where such auxiliaries have not been established. There are many towns and districts deriving advantage from the Royal Albert Asylum, in the care of their unfortunate imbeciles, whose contributions to the Maintenance Fund, now totally inadequate, might be greatly augmented in this way; and, in addition, the benefits of the Institution might, by an enlarged income, be extended to many poor imbecile children whose outlook in life would otherwise be blank and cheerless. Again the Central Committee would appeal to the Local Committees to give them their valuable assistance in the formation of such Ladies' Associations.

The following tabular statement shows the amounts collected during the year by the existing Ladies' Associations:—

Contributions
Collected by
Ladies'
Associations.

							Annual						Total.		
							Subscriptions.			Donations.					
							£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT							270	2	6	67	6	9	337	9	3
" " (ROCHDALE BRANCH)							82	14	0	96	15	10	179	9	10
CHESHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	333	15	0	126	19	2	460	14	2
DURHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	328	16	9	...	...	...	328	16	9
CUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	259	11	2	42	16	8	302	7	10
HALIFAX	...	...	...	...	...	...	256	6	6	11	3	3	267	9	9
BRADFORD	...	...	...	...	...	...	188	4	6	47	6	9	235	11	3
LEEDS	...	...	...	...	...	...	97	18	9	3	8	6	101	7	3
YORK...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89	9	6	1	9	6	90	19	0
SOUTHPORT	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	7	6	0	6	0	17	13	6
SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	6	1	8	0	14	0	6
THIRSK	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	0	5	5	0	8	8	0
1940							1	8		404	5	5	2344	7	1

In some of the Ladies' Associations—notably those in the Bradford and Manchester and Salford Districts—many of the friends of patients have obtained contributions by means of penny collecting cards. One poor mother wrote:—"I feel very proud to have it to do. I think it is my duty to do all that is in my power for the Institution." This card system gives those whose means are very limited an opportunity of showing their interest in the Asylum.

Manchester
District Ladies'
Association.

Speech of Lord
Egerton of
Tatton.

The Annual Meeting of the Manchester and Salford District Ladies' Association was held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on the 20th of January, under the presidency of the Mayor (the late Mr. Ald. Curtis). There was a large attendance of ladies, including Lady Egerton of Tatton (president of the Association), the Hon. Mrs. Algernon Egerton (vice-president), the Mayoresses of Manchester and Rochdale, &c. Lord Egerton of Tatton (Chairman of the Manchester and Salford Local Committee), and other influential local friends were also present. The Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., attended as a deputation from the Central Committee, and earnestly advocated the claims of the Institution. Lord Egerton, in an able speech, referred to the gratifying visit made to the Asylum in September by the Royal Commission on the Blind, Deaf, and Dumb, &c., of which his Lordship is Chairman. In the course of his remarks, Lord Egerton said:—

"As Chairman of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the education of blind, and imbecile children, it had been his duty to visit the Royal Albert Asylum along with other members of the Commission. Whatever the recommendations of the Commission might be, a great deal would still be left to private benevolence. Through the exertions of Lord Winmarleigh (the Chairman of the Royal Albert Asylum), the Right Hon. J. T. Hibbert, and Mr. W. H. Higgin, Q.C., an Act of Parliament had been passed distinguishing idiots and imbeciles from lunatics. That was a step in the right direction, and would have a beneficial influence in the efforts made to improve the condition of imbecile children. Statistics showed that according to the census of 1881, though there was not a decrease in the numbers of idiots and imbeciles, there was no increase, and so far as Lancashire and Cheshire were concerned, we had less of these afflicted persons per thousand than other parts of the kingdom."

Attention is invited to certain special contributions of an interesting character :— Sundry Contributions.

A Donation of £200 from Miss H. Eastwood, of Huddersfield.

The sum of £737 4s. 7d. contributed by parents or other relations towards the maintenance of patients.

A Thank-offering of 5s. from the Grandmother of an ex-patient.

The proceeds of a Concert at Grasmere amounting to £10 10s., per Mr. A. Montague Shepherd, R.A.M.; also £4 10s. proceeds of a Concert at Spurstow School, Cheshire.

The sum of £4 5s., being the proceeds of Penny Entertainments for Mr. Nimmo's Employés, Castle Eden.

An Annual Subscription of £5 5s. from the Longcake Charity, Cockermouth.

A contribution of £1 2s. 9d. from a Mother's Meeting at Bunbury, Cheshire ; and Additional Donations of 10s. 6d. from the pupils of Dinglewood, Colwyn Bay, and 7s. 5d. from the Aldford Girls' School, Cheshire.

An additional Donation of £21 from the Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society, Limited ; an Annual Subscription of £5 5s. from the Brighthouse Industrial Society ; and an Annual Subscription of £2 2s. from the Sowerby Bridge Industrial Society.

Various small sums have been collected by the relatives of patients for the Recreation Hall Fund.

After the most careful consideration, the Central Com- Recreation Hall.
mittee instructed the architects of the Asylum (Messrs. Paley and Austin) to prepare suitable plans for the erection of a large and commodious Recreation Hall, the importance of which as a useful auxiliary to the efficient and agreeable working of the Institution has been repeatedly urged. With 552 patients and a resident staff of 86 persons, there is now not very much vacant accommodation in the Asylum, and, so far as provision for the general purposes of the Institution is concerned, the great constructive work of the promoters of the Royal Albert Asylum is, for the present, accomplished. The Institution is admirably equipped with all needful agencies and appliances for the care and training of the patients. It has a freehold Estate of 105 acres, with excellent farm buildings, and a model detached Infirmary for 35 beds, the gift of the late Edward Rodgett, Esq., of Preston. But a Recreation Hall for large assemblies of the patients, combining a commodious Hall for the Associated

Entertainments and a spacious play-room for the use of the girls and junior boys in inclement weather, has, with the increasing number of patients, been long regarded as a great desideratum. It was one of the projects which the late Dr. de Vitre desired to see accomplished. The Central Committee have hitherto, however, reluctantly postponed the undertaking, so as not to interfere with the admission of the full number of patients into the Institution. In the preparation of their plans the architects were instructed to give full consideration to the future as well as the present requirements of the Institution, for a much restricted expenditure now might involve a needless outlay hereafter. The architectural features of the Building may be thus briefly described :—

According to the plans, the Recreation Hall is a large room placed at the north end of the block of offices, and connected with the main building by a covered passage, which gives access for all the inmates. In architectural style it harmonises with the adjoining workshop and laundry block. The Hall is 79ft. in length to the front of the orchestra, and 52 feet in width. It is divided into centre and side divisions by four “bays” of light cast iron pillars running up to and supporting the roof. The central division rises to an arched ceiling 40 feet high to the apex from the floor, and the side divisions have a flat ceiling 25 feet high. Four large mullioned windows give light in each side. At the south end is placed a raised permanent platform, 21ft. 6in. deep, and 38 feet wide, opening into the Hall, by a large arch. Various apartments and store-rooms are placed under the platform. At the north end are placed the outside entrance and lobbies, with staircase access to a large gallery accommodating 200 people. Ample exit is provided in case of emergency, and special provision will be made for the heating, lighting, and ventilation of the Hall.

On the ground floor, and under a portion of the large hall, is a Play-room for girls and junior boys (the senior boys having a separate room already provided) 50 feet wide and 58 feet long, floored with solid wood blocks laid in asphalte on a bed of concrete.

Tenders for the several works were invited, contracts were entered into, and building operations were commenced in November, 1886. It was hoped that the Hall would have been ready for formal opening early in the present autumn, and the promise of Royal patronage had been obtained. The contractors, who have striven to complete the building within the stipulated time, have found it impossible to do so, and the interesting ceremony must be postponed until next spring or summer.

The total cost of the Building and Fittings will be between £5,000 and £6,000, towards which the sum of £4,108 18s. od. has been received from all sources.

As the Hall will be used for Religious Services as well as for Recreation, it has been suggested by the Commissioners in Lunacy that an Organ would be a valuable addition to the Room. Perhaps some generous friend of the Institution will be disposed to supply this deficiency.

The following Donations to the Recreation Hall Fund have been received in addition to those previously reported:—
 Mr. Wm. Tattersall, Milnthorpe, £250 additional; Mr. Frederic J. Harrison, Wallasey, £105; Mr. F. G. Crowther, Rochdale, £100; Mr. Richard Hurst, Rochdale, £100; Mr. Henry Harrison, Stanley, Blackburn, £52 10s.; Messrs. Joshua Tetley & Son, Leeds, £52 10s.; Mr. Daniel Thwaites, Blackburn, £50; Sir Andrew B. Walker, Bart., Liverpool, £50; Mr. G. Buckston Browne, Preston, £42; Mr. Henry Cox, Liverpool, £25; Miss Susan Ormerod, Brighouse, £25; Miss Mary Ormerod, Brighouse, £25; Mr. J. P. Chamberlain Starkie, Lancaster, £25; Miss Wilson, Bolton-le-Moors, £25; Mr. Oliver Heywood, Manchester, £10 10s.; Mr. James Carter Moon, (the late), Lancaster, £10 10s.; Mr. J. E. Platt, Cheadle, £10 10s.; Collection at the Parish Church, Lancaster, per Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., £10; Mr. Isaac Braithwaite, London, £10; Mr. Edward Crossley, M.P., Halifax, £10; Miss M. Hays, Durham, £10; Mr. R. Benson Jowitt, Leeds, £10; the Dowager Mrs. Starkie, Manchester, £10; Mr. J. J. Willis, Clapham, Lancaster, £10; and other small donations amounting to £73 4s. od.

Donations to the
Recreation Hall
Fund.

It having been found impossible to work effectively the heating apparatus, laundry, and kitchen with the original boilers, a sub-committee of experienced members of the Central Committee was appointed to consider the question. The honorary engineer, Mr. James Mansergh, C.E., of Westminster, to whom the Institution has, on former occasions, been much indebted, gave the Committee his

New Boilers
and Heating
Apparatus, and
Alterations in
Laundry.

valuable counsel and assistance, and prepared plans for certain alterations and additions. These consist of two new high-pressure boilers, 28 feet long by 7 feet 6 inches in diameter, one being a relief boiler to meet emergencies; the erection of an external boiler house; the provision of new heating apparatus, of which the circulating hot water will, in the first instance, be heated by steam from the large boilers; the fitting up of a new drying stove in the laundry; and the ventilation of the wash-house. The Central Committee having approved of these recommendations, the work has been undertaken, and will probably cost not less than £3,000. It is expected that it will be completed before the end of the year. The improvement will be great, and will much conduce to economy and efficiency.

Alterations at
Farm House.

Certain structural alterations have been made at the Farm House, both in the portion occupied by the patients living at the farm and also in the farm bailiff's residence. These will greatly promote the comfort and convenience of the place.

Painting and
Renovating.

Considerable expense is now being incurred in the painting and renovation of the Asylum, which, with its peculiar inmates, is subject to much wear and tear.

Valuation of
Farm Stock.

The annual valuation of the farm stock has again been made by Mr. John Walker, junr., of Lancaster, who has reported very favourably of the condition and management of the farm.

Collections and
Offertories.

The grateful acknowledgments of the Committee are due to those clergymen and ministers who have during the year kindly made collections on behalf of the Institution. A great extension of such support is earnestly desired. The Institution is open to imbecile children without distinction of church or party, and should receive the generous assistance of all denominations. Those who, like clergymen and ministers, are brought into close contact with the sorrows of the poor, know only too well the grievous burden which the care of an imbecile child in a poor family involves.

Rev. T. Battle, East Keswick Church, Leeds.
 Rev. R. T. Bradbury, St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.
 Rev. M. W. B. Dawe, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster, per Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
 Rev. J. N. Hoare, St. John's Church, Keswick.
 Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre, Garstang.
 Rev. A. H. Hughes, Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.
 Rev. J. C. Kershaw, St. Leonard's Church, Walton-le-Dale, Preston.
 Rev. J. H. Lomax, Church of St. John the Divine, Thorpe, Halifax.
 Rev. J. Mathwin, West Pelton Church, Chester-le-Street.
 Rev. T. Meadows, Thornton Church, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 Rev. T. Jackson Smith, St. Thomas' Church, Bedford Leigh.
 Rev. G. F. Weston, Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.

Hearty thanks are tendered to the officers and secretaries of the Local Committees, whose influential and active support so powerfully promotes the success of the Asylum; to the Honorary Solicitors, Messrs. Sharp and Son; to the Honorary Engineer, Mr. James Mansergh, C.E., whose important services this year deserve special acknowledgment; and to the General Treasurer, the Lancaster Banking Company, Lancaster. The continued support of the Newspaper Press is still kindly accorded to the Institution, and is of great value.

Acknowledgments.

The following changes in the Central Committee are recorded. It was considered advisable to appoint an additional Vice-Chairman, and at the unanimous request of the Committee, the Right Hon. John T. Hibbert kindly accepted the office. Mr. Hibbert's active connexion with the Institution has continued without interruption since 1866, and, on innumerable occasions, he has rendered most valuable assistance, which has been highly appreciated by the Committee. Mr. T. W. Backhouse, Sunderland, and Mr. Edward Storey, Lancaster, have joined the Committee. Mr. James C. Moon, of Lancaster, an active member of the Committee for many years, and a most liberal contributor to the funds of the charity, has died deeply regretted by all who were personally acquainted with him.

Changes in the Central Committee.

Under section 8 of the Idiots Act, 1886, the Institution has been registered by the Commissioners in Lunacy as a hospital for the care, education, and training of idiots and

Working of Idiots' Act.

imbeciles. The effect of this new Act, so actively promoted by the Central Committee, has been to free such institutions from the vexatious and unnecessary restrictions of the Lunacy Acts, and to facilitate, by the adoption of simpler forms, the admission of patients, especially of the higher mental grade of imbeciles, for whom the care and training afforded is particularly well adapted. Institutions for idiots and imbeciles are still under the inspection of the Commissioners in Lunacy. The advantages of the Act have already been tested.

At their last inspection on the 29th of July, the Commissioners in Lunacy reported :—" We desire to express our entire satisfaction with the Asylum and its management, and our hope that the generous support which has hitherto been accorded to it, and which it so well deserves, may be continued."

Opening of
Brunton House.

On the 21st of June the Branch Establishment at Brunton House was opened as a Home for special private patients by the transfer from the Asylum of several who could be suitably associated together. A matron has charge of this establishment, which is in telephonic communication with the Medical Superintendent and Secretary of the Asylum. The patients reside at Brunton House, but attend at the Asylum for education and training. As the vacant accommodation at the Asylum is being fast occupied, such an auxiliary institution will become increasingly useful for patients whose friends can afford to pay higher remunerative rates for the comforts and other advantages of a private home. Respecting Brunton House, the Commissioners in Lunacy reported—

" The residence called Brunton House, acquired two years since, has been fitted up as a branch of the Asylum for paying patients. It is included in the registration, but is some distance apart and quite distinct from the main Building. We have inspected it, and are of opinion that it affords very excellent accommodation for some twelve male patients of the better mental grade, whose friends desire and can afford to pay for it. The house is well furnished, and has attached to it a very pleasant garden. It is under the charge of a matron."

Epileptic
Patients.

Much difficulty has arisen in the management of the Institution from an increasing number of epileptic patients. According to the Regulations of Admission, and, except

under great pressure from subscribers, the Central Committee have endeavoured to enforce the rule. It has, however, often happened that the nature of the fits and the frequency of their recurrence have not been adequately described in the application papers, and although all patients are admitted on a year's probation, there has been extreme reluctance, after the expense and trouble of securing election, to discharge such unfortunate cases as suffer from persistent epilepsy. But the Committee feel that if the usefulness and efficiency of the Institution are to be maintained, they must adhere to their original intention of excluding epileptics. It is difficult without a separate building to make that distinct provision for such cases which is absolutely essential for their proper care. On every ground their association with the ordinary cases, so susceptible to bad impressions, is undesirable, and it has been found, from long experience, that chronic epileptics are incapable of that physical and mental improvement which the Royal Albert Asylum was intended to promote. Already the Committee have been obliged to engage a special male attendant and a special female nurse to ensure the continuous night supervision of epileptic patients. After the instances of munificent liberality of which the Institution has been the honoured recipient, it may, perhaps, be possible that some generous friend of this cruelly afflicted and most unfortunate class, for which no refuge has yet been provided, may be stimulated, out of abundance of wealth, to furnish the means for erecting and maintaining a Home for chronic epileptic imbeciles. The Central Committee would be only too glad to include such an institution in their scheme and to provide a suitable site on some portion of the Asylum Estate. Meanwhile, what is to be done with the confirmed epileptics now in the Asylum is a cause for grave anxiety. At the request of the Committee, the Medical Superintendent has presented a report on this subject, from which it appears that during the six months ending June 30th, 1887, 65 patients had been suffering from epilepsy with a total of 1199 fits. Several of these epileptic patients had become extremely excitable and violent, and were recommended for immediate discharge as being dangerous to associate with the ordinary patients. Many others were reported as hopelessly unimprovable. Under these painful

circumstances the Committee must strongly urge subscribers not to promote the candidature of epileptic cases, nor to advance the claims of other cases not likely to derive benefit from the care, education, and training afforded by the Institution. It is undoubtedly the fact that while many inferior cases are greatly benefited, those who improve most in every respect are imbeciles of the higher mental grade for whom the ordinary schools make no provision, and who, if there, would retard the progress of others.

Improvement of
Patients.

The Medical Superintendent's Report to the Committee gives full information respecting the care and training of the patients. The Central Committee are glad to be able to point to many evidences of improvement in the patients of a very gratifying nature. The Institution was never intended simply for the *care* of idiots and imbeciles. A much less expensive establishment would suffice for such a purpose. But, while the educational character of the Institution must ever be kept in view, the inherent difficulty of the task to which the promoters have devoted themselves must not be overlooked. To develop the capacity of imbeciles for education, happiness, and industrial employment, however limited, is an object worthy of the followers of Him, who said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." But such training, from the very nature of things, can never qualify imbeciles to compete on equal terms with those who possess a sound mind in a sound body; and any contrary expectation must doom such institutions as the Royal Albert Asylum to inevitable failure as regarded from the point of view of strict utilitarianism. Letters like the following, of which many have been received, afford the Committee and the Staff great encouragement. In the first letter the father of an election patient who had recently been discharged, writes to the Head Laudress, in whose department his son had worked. Having written what his son had dictated with reference to the persons employed in the laundry, he says:—

"I penned the above lines as described by my son. He entertains a great affection for them, and for you especially. What a vast amount of excellent training he has received, and the Asylum inmates are ever on his tongue. No wonder—it is the only home he has ever known! We feel here for his care more than words can convey. We are very grateful."

The other letter refers to a poor boy who had died in the Institution, and to whom its kindly care was of great benefit. It is addressed to the Secretary.

“DEAR MR. DIGGENS,

I cannot allow the sad chapter of my boy's life to close without a word of grateful acknowledgment to you (and dear Dr. Shuttleworth, of course), Mr. Woods, Mrs. Harley, and every member of the Royal Albert Staff who in *any* degree showed the slightest interest in my dear boy. We are indeed all most deeply grateful, and I cannot help offering praise and thanksgiving, even while I am writing, to Him who alone can solve the great mystery concerning the key to this sad chapter, and who has taken him to Himself, where, it is written, “No shadows yonder.” Kindly offer my remembrances to all. My husband joins me in every kind wish.

Yours very sincerely.”

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Other communications of a similar kind have been received, and the staff cannot but feel stimulated to prosecute their arduous labours with increased energy and devotion. Their self-denying efforts are gratefully appreciated, even when they can accomplish little more than the remedy of faulty habits and the promotion of such happiness as that of which the afflicted patients are capable. But that in many cases most useful training is received in the Institution is evident from the impartial testimony given in an editorial paragraph in the *Bradford Observer* of June 7, 1887:—

“There is one stand in the Saltaire Exhibition which scarcely seems to draw the attention which it richly deserves—the one which shows the work done by imbecile children in the Royal Albert Asylum. There is much pathetic interest about drawing done by a boy who, when he entered the asylum, could not hold a pencil in his tremulous fingers, and about good workmanship done by hands which, but for the patient instruction they have received, would be capable only of mischief. The too frequently overlooked stand tells a story of humane progress which might move every moderately susceptible heart to devout thankfulness that so much has been done to make useful, and, therefore, happy, the lives of thousands of afflicted children. It is not so long ago since the village idiot was the terror of some of his neighbours and the butt of cruel practical jokes on the part of others, and here are the evidences of the good that has been done to, and by, poor creatures who have been lovingly cared for and wisely taught—evidences which are full of significance as triumphs already won, and as promises of still further achievement in the way of rendering help to some of the most helpless of our species. Fathers and mothers may be advised not to miss Stand 159.”—*Bradford Observer*, June 7, 1887.

Specimens of
Work at the
Royal Yorkshi
Jubilee
Exhibition.

The following extracts which the Committee have made from the reports of parents and friends upon the condition and progress of those patients who went home in August for their annual holiday will be read with interest, and thus furnish encouraging evidence both of the improvement of the patients and of the gratitude of their relatives. No fewer than 136 of the inmates enjoyed this privilege of going home. After long absence, excellent opportunities are thus afforded of observing proofs of progress, and of the 124 written reports received no fewer than 109 remark upon the improvement noticed in one respect or another.

1.—“ I am very grateful indeed to yourself and those to whom my son has been entrusted. We see an improvement physically and mentally. Physically,—he has improved during his month's holiday, which may be accounted for by his recent illness. He is not much better in his walking, I am sorry to say. Mentally,—he has improved wonderfully, I am glad to say. Taking everything together we see a great improvement, and can only again thank you for seeing he is all right. You might also express our thanks to his Nurse if you think it desirable.”

2.—“ We are much pleased to observe a *decided* improvement in our boy's endeavour to hold a conversation; in many little ways we notice a change for the better, and while his general health seems very good, we do not see very marked increase of power in hands and legs.”

3.—“ Mr. M. is pleased to observe a decided improvement in the physical condition of his son. There is also a great advance intellectually—more so this time than at any other period.”

4.—“ I find Philip very much improved; he has become more intelligent, and can make himself to be understood much better than previously.”

5.—“ I am happy to find a great improvement in my son. His memory is wonderfully improved. I find that he knows his letters, and can form letters and figures on his slate.”

6.—“ I consider John has wonderfully improved from all appearances, both in health and mental condition.”

7.—“ I find the health and physical condition of my son considerably better; and in regard to his mental faculties I think they seem improved: in fact I see an improvement in his condition generally.”

8.—“ I am thankful to say my daughter is improved in talking, and is much tidier in her ways. I cannot express the thankfulness for the improvement.”

9.—“ I have great pleasure in stating that my daughter has improved immensely, and I am very well pleased with the progress she has made.”

10.—“ I have pleasure in stating that Emily is very much improved mentally. She can do many useful things, more than she could last year. Her health is good.”

11.—“ We are well satisfied with the improvement of Betsy in her scholarship and behaviour and her working, and we are glad she is in good health.”

12.—“ We are very well satisfied with the improvement we have seen in her health, habits, and physical and mental condition. She has been very diligent in sewing and knitting and bed-making, and very staid and well-behaved while she has been at home. Our relatives and friends are very much pleased with the improvement they have seen in her. She has been very much admired as to how she can use her knife and fork so nicely at dinner-table. We now take the opportunity of returning our best thanks to all the officials and teachers of the Institute for their love and kindness towards our daughter.”

In concluding their Report, the Central Committee would again express their heartfelt and devout thankfulness for the success which has accompanied the work of the Institution. They have been encouraged by the ready response to their appeals for financial support; and they have been glad to recognise many proofs of practical benefit which the Royal Albert Asylum has conferred upon a sorely afflicted class of the community, the strange irony of whose fate is an undiscovered mystery to be solved only by Him “ who decided what our gifts, and what our wants should be.” In the same earnest, trustful spirit in which they have hitherto prosecuted their charitable work of alleviating the condition and gladdening the lives of

Conclusion.

“ Those who with half-open eyes
Tread the border-land dim,”

they hope to continue to do all they can to promote the usefulness and success of the Institution, and to extend the sphere of its beneficence. To the bountiful Giver of all Good they would ever ascribe the prosperity of the Royal Albert Asylum.

WINMARLEIGH,

CHAIRMAN.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

It becomes my duty, with the lapse of another year, again to present a "General Report of the condition and progress of the Establishment, and of the various measures adopted for the amelioration of the Patients," this being my seventeenth Annual Report as Medical Superintendent.

Number of
Patients.

Although the Annual Meeting will be held this year at a later date than usual, it will, I think, be convenient if I confine the period over which my Report extends to the customary twelve months from the date of my last Report, viz., August 27, 1886. During the year, the admissions have numbered 92 (53 males, 39 females), the discharges 61 (43 males, 18 females), and the deaths 16 (9 males, 7 females). In August, 1886, there were 537 patients (365 males, 172 females) in the Establishment; at the end of August, 1887, the number was 552 (366 males, 186 females). The maximum number simultaneously resident during the year was 561, and the average number resident, 548. 627 individuals have been under training in the Institution during the whole or portions of the year; 2 patients were discharged and re-admitted in consequence of originally informal certificates.

Disproportion
of Sexes.

With regard to the admissions I have satisfaction in remarking that this year the proportion of girls to boys admitted has been larger than usual. As pointed out in my last Report, whatever vacant accommodation now exists is on the girls' side of the building, and it is consequently a matter of convenience that as many girls as possible should be included in future elections. It will be remembered that girls were not admitted into the Institution when first opened until the end of the second year after the admission of boys,

and a preponderance of male inmates thus established has always been kept up, and indeed constantly increased by the operation of causes affecting all kindred Institutions, till the ratio of boys to girls has been usually about two to one. Since the beginning of this year all patients have been received under the simplified form of certificate prescribed by the "Idiots Act, 1886," and it is gratifying to observe that one effect of the new forms has been to facilitate the reception into the Institution of feeble-minded children, who, though by no means "idiots" in the ordinary acceptation, can only be educated by such a system of instruction as is pursued in our schools. Had proof been required of the urgency for a simplification of certificates in the case of imbecile children, it would be found in the fact that last year two thoroughly eligible patients could not be admitted, as medical men refused to certify them either as "lunatics" or "idiots," but when the new Act came into operation there was not the slightest difficulty in their being certified as "imbecile."

Idiots' Act.

Of the patients discharged, only 4 were noted as "not improved" in some way or other during their stay in the Institution; and of these 2 were cases removed on account of epilepsy. One of the others was insane rather than imbecile; and the fourth was perhaps the most destructive inmate that the Institution has had to deal with, hands and teeth being alike employed to tear up the clothing of himself and his companions. The degree of improvement in the other cases was of course very various, ranging from a fair degree of industrial capacity acquired to slight amelioration of intelligence and habits, the latter improvement, though of humble character, being much appreciated by parents. It may be estimated approximatively that about one-fourth of those discharged were able to do serviceable work under more or less supervision. Another fourth, though less capable, had made some progress in education and industry; and the remainder were better conducted, and more able to do simple matters for themselves than when admitted. One or two patients were removed by their friends with the view of finding situations for them, before their period of training had expired; and in one case in which opportunity was

Discharged
Patients.

granted to the parents for re-consideration, the boy was thankfully returned to the Institution after a short trial at home. In order to save expense, the Guardians of a Union withdrew seven of their improving patients who had been some years in the Institution, a course which seemed most undesirable in the interests of the patients themselves.

Deaths.

The death rate for the twelve months ending August, 1887, is 2·9 per cent., if calculated upon the average number resident, or 2·5, if calculated upon the aggregate number under training. This mortality may be considered low for imbeciles, though, of course, much exceeding that of normal children of corresponding ages. The causes of death have, as usual, been such as denote constitutional feebleness, the majority taking the form of lung disease, often of tubercular origin. In one case, suffering from severe chest complication after measles, the fatal event was unfortunately hastened by the poor child swallowing, during the brief absence from the ward of the mother and nurse, a small quantity of carbolic acid used for disinfecting purposes. The Coroner held an inquiry into the circumstances, and the finding of the Jury exonerated the officials of the Asylum from all blame.

Measles.

This was the only death resulting from an epidemic of measles which visited the Asylum in June, July, and August last, extending in all to 30 cases. Measles had been widely prevalent in the immediate neighbourhood, and when once introduced—as was supposed by a boy attending church—could hardly be expected to be “stamped out,” on account of the infectious nature of this disease previous to the manifestation of its characteristic symptoms. But prompt isolation in the upper wards of the Rodgett Infirmary seemed to have the effect of limiting the spread of the epidemic, which did not extend beyond 30 cases, instead of increasing to upwards of 80, as was the case when there was no detached Infirmary. Soon after Christmas a single case of scarlet fever occurred, but being at once placed in isolation at the Infirmary, and kept isolated for 8 weeks, there was happily no extension of the disease. During the whole year the lower wards of the Rodgett Infirmary have been occupied by ordinary invalids, averaging from 20 to 25 in number.

The Schools continue to be carried on with good results by a patient and persevering staff of teachers, the Boys' School under Mr. E. Woods, who has been Head Master from the first; and the Girls' and Infants' School under Miss E. J. A. Baker, who, coming with excellent recommendations as a competent and experienced teacher, has proved herself well qualified for the post of Head Mistress, and has, moreover, rendered valuable aid in our entertainments. The usual Tables of School Attainments appended to this Report will give an idea of the kind of instruction aimed at, and its results. The education of imbeciles must, at best, be a matter of slow progress; and not unfrequently it becomes a question as to what proportion of time is to be devoted, out of the limited period spent by pupils in the Institution, to school and industrial work respectively. With the poorer class the preference is usually given to the latter; but it must be borne in mind that such training as is given in our schools is an essential preliminary to employment, inasmuch as to carry out intelligently the simplest handicraft the wandering attention must be fixed, the blunted senses sharpened, and habits of obedience inculcated. School discipline, under judicious and painstaking teachers, is consequently of the highest value to all, independently of the degree of scholastic knowledge acquired; which, however, in some cases is very creditable. Much of the school work is indeed essentially practical in character, and from the Girls' School a considerable amount of sewing of a serviceable kind has been lately contributed to the wardrobes.

Schools.

The excellent character of some of the work done both in the School and Workshops has been attested this year by the specimens sent from the Asylum to the Yorkshire Jubilee Exhibition at Saltaire, and to an Industrial Exhibition lately held in Lancaster, both collections having elicited the warm commendations of the Press.

Specimens of
Work at
Exhibitions.

The Entertainments have again been kept up with much spirit. In addition to varied out-door sports in summer, two special fêtes have been this year enjoyed by the patients, the first on Whit-Monday, the second on June 20th, in honour of the Queen's Jubilee, when by the kind liberality of

Entertainments.

the Mayor, Sir Thomas Storey, the inmates had a special treat, with Punch and Judy, Fire Balloons, and other means of amusement. Recently a party of 113 of the patients who had not been home for holidays, together with 23 of the staff, were taken in wagonettes for a day's outing to Cockersand Abbey, the expense being kindly defrayed by the Central Committee. During the winter, musical and other entertainments were given almost weekly; and at Christmas, the Cantata of "Goldenhair and the Three Bears" was performed, members of the staff taking most of the principal parts, and a large number of children being trained to assist in the choruses. A "Christy Minstrel" performance was given by the staff at Easter. In May last, a very successful Entertainment was organised by ladies and gentlemen from Lancaster—including the Misses Storey, Mrs. Shuttleworth, Messrs. F. S. Cooper, Inglis Hall, C. E. Mason, R. J. Reynolds, C. B. C. Storey, and W. J. Whitehead)—consisting of selections from the "Mikado," the excellent rendering of which was much appreciated by the patients and by the visitors who were present. The approaching completion of the new Recreation Hall is a matter for congratulation, inasmuch as it will furnish facilities for the simultaneous assembly of a larger number of patients than is now possible on such interesting occasions; whilst the covered playground in the basement will be simply invaluable for the much-needed exercise and amusement of the Girls and Infants in bad weather. The Christmas Trees were last year supplied with gifts both in money and kind more bountifully even than usual; but I regret to say that of late the contributions by visitors to the Boxes in the Entrance Hall have fallen off considerably, so that the amount does not suffice to defray—as heretofore—all the expenses connected with the Patients' Entertainments and Excursions.

Visit of Royal
Commission.

The Institution was honoured in October last by a visit of inspection by the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the Education of the Blind, Deaf and Dumb, and Imbecile, under the presidency of Lord Egerton of Tatton. The Commissioners spent a day in a thorough and practical investigation into the arrangements both for school

education and industrial training ; and they promise to make further enquiry into the provisions existing in the country for imbeciles, I presume in connexion with the national system of education. I note also that in the syllabus of the Royal Commission on Elementary Education, the following points are set forth for enquiry, viz.:—"Instruction for exceptional children : (a) The effect of the (present) system on the dull and in any way deficient. Is any special provision for such children possible?" It is encouraging to see that the question of national responsibility for the education of the defective classes is beginning to be publicly recognised, and it is to be hoped that the labours of the Commissions just referred to will result in a beneficial extension of the systems of training which have hitherto been left almost exclusively to voluntary effort.

In this year of special *rapprochement* between the various sections of the Queen's dominions, it is satisfactory to hear of steps being taken to establish in our colonies training institutions for imbeciles. In connexion with the Kew Asylum, Melbourne, a cottage home for imbeciles has recently been formed and placed under the immediate charge of a former assistant in our Schools, Mr. T. J. Eastham. From another colony, New Zealand, comes intelligence that a former pupil of this Institution, who acquired a knowledge of joinery here, which he afterwards improved in a situation in Scotland, has settled down in business for himself, has married, and seems to be becoming a useful citizen of "Greater Britain."

Colonial
Institutions for
Imbeciles.

Reports continue to be received of discharged patients showing a fair proportion—which I think I may venture to state at about 10 per cent.—who are earning wages. Several respectable looking and well attired young men, formerly pupils, have called during the last few months to see their old friends, and report favourable progress. I hear also of some of our girls who are doing well in domestic service. Of one discharged in November, 1886, (E. U.) the mother reports:—"My daughter is in place as general servant. Went Nov. 29 ; and goes in the morning, and comes home at night, and the lady says she never had a willinger girl, and she gets 3s. a week." On the other hand it is disappointing

Reports
Respecting
Discharged
Patients.

to find that some well trained pupils do not succeed in getting employment when they leave the Institution ; and from Liverpool I hear of one (H. W.) "who was much benefited in the Asylum, where he learned garden work, and has improved since his return home. He would be very thankful to obtain a situation as under-gardener. His mother says he can do the work of two men, but could not undertake a *responsible* situation." I am quoting the report of a personal enquiry kindly set on foot in Liverpool by a local member of our Central Committee ; and this case well illustrates the need of a helping hand to find suitable work for those capable of it when they leave the Institution.

Brunton House.

In reviewing the work of the past year, two or three matters seem to call for a word of comment. In the first place I must refer to the opening, on June 21st last, of Brunton House, by the drafting thither of a group of higher-rate payment cases, who were selected as companionable to each other, and as setting a standard, which we hope to see maintained in that establishment, of a comparatively high grade of intelligence. These youths live together in a well appointed residence, under the domestic supervision of a Matron, much as they would do in an ordinary family, coming however to the Institution for school, work and recreation, as may be deemed in each case desirable. Brunton House is frequently visited by the Medical Officers, and the Secretary, and is in direct telephonic communication with the Asylum.

Ambulance
Classes.

Another subject adverted to in previous Reports is that of the training of attendants for their special work. As a step in this direction Ambulance Classes were established here in the winter of 1885, and I am glad to say there has been a renewal of interest in the subject during the present year, 25 of the staff having gained certificates from the St. John's Ambulance Association after a second examination. A course of Nursing Lectures will probably be undertaken this winter.

Epileptic
Patients.

The increasing proportion of epileptic patients has, of late, given rise to some anxiety, and I recently felt it my duty to call the attention of the committee to the fact that about 12 per cent. of our inmates suffer more or less from

epilepsy, and that some further night supervision for these cases seemed desirable. Whilst thanking the Committee for the provision of additional night attendants accorded, I am anxious not to be understood to advocate any relaxation in the restrictions laid down in our rules as to the admission of epileptic patients, who in my opinion are for the most part out of place in an Institution organised for the education of improvable Imbeciles. They are, indeed, a class calling for much sympathy, but requiring provision of a different character from that found in this Institution.

In conclusion, I would beg leave to acknowledge the kind co-operation of the Secretary, Mr. Diggens, in all matters conducing to the welfare of the patients, and to recognise the valuable aid of Dr. H. G. Taylor,* the Assistant Medical Officer, and of the Matron, Miss Smith.

Acknowledg-
ments.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH.

*Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster,
September 29th, 1887.*

** Since the foregoing Report was presented to the Central Committee, the Institution has been deprived by death of the services of Dr. Harold Gilbertson Taylor, for more than seven years its esteemed Assistant Medical Officer. His professional skill and carefulness, together with his conscientious devotion to duty, rendered him a valuable coadjutor in the medical work of the Asylum ; whilst his kindly disposition had earned the attachment both of patients and staff, who join with me in lamenting the premature close of his useful career.*

G. E. S.

October 28th, 1887.

CASES OF IMPROVEMENT

ILLUSTRATIVE OF REPORT.

(Not previously reported.)

BOYS.

A. (904.) Admitted August, 1883, aged 16. Then knew most of the letters, and some short words, and could write a little in a copy-book; could not calculate at all or tell the clock. Now reads fairly well, and is able to write a good letter home, works addition sums, tells the time to 5 minutes, and draws nicely on paper. Works well in the garden, and is very trustworthy.

B. (959.) Admitted July, 1884, aged 16. Then read a word or two at sight, wrote short words in copy-book, knew the value of unit figures, but could not calculate, and could only tell the hours on the clock. Now reads fairly well, and is able to write a good letter home; can work sums in all the simple rules, and tell the time to a minute. Is a useful assistant in the bakehouse, and is very well conducted.

C. (960.) Admitted July, 1884, aged 10. Then unable to read or write, but could tell the time and count a little. Extremely slow in reasoning power, and unsteady in gait, getting frequent falls. Now reads easy words, writes a fairly good letter home, and works sums in addition. Much brisker both in mind and body; and is making good progress in tailor's shop, where he sews linings.

D. (1043.) Admitted in November, 1885, aged 12. Then, owing to spasmodic affections, hands were almost useless, and he had difficulty in speaking so as to be understood. By dint of training he has gained control over fingers, and can speak more plainly; has learned to write a letter fairly well, to read a little, and to draw a firm outline. Has recently made a knife box in the joiner's shop, where he was sent to exercise his unsteady hands by using a plane.

GIRLS AND INFANTS.

E. (828.) Admitted April, 1883, aged 7. Had been to school regularly for 2 years, but had learnt nothing at all. Spent some time in the Rodgett Infirmary in consequence of threatened spinal disease, but is better; and since her return to school has made good progress, being now able to read easy words, and write fairly in copy-book. She can sew nicely, and is employed in dormitory work, which she does well.

F. (1037.) Admitted November 1885, aged 12. Had no school attainments, and it was most difficult to fix her attention to observe anything. Latterly she has become much more attentive at school, and she has made progress in reading and writing, and improved in every way. She is also usefully employed in dormitory work in the morning.

G. (975.) Admitted September, 1884, aged 12. Had attended school for some years, but had not learned more than letters and figures by rote. Now one of the brightest girls in her class, and has improved in all her lessons. Can write fairly, read easy words, work simple addition sums, and sew and hem nicely. Is useful to the teachers as a monitress.

H. (1020.) Admitted November, 1885, aged 8. A mischievous though bright-looking boy, who had attended school but learned nothing beyond a few letters. Now can read and write easy words, work simple addition sums, drill well and sing fairly. Can hem and do Kindergarten work nicely.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1887.

I have the honour to report that in fulfilment of the appointment of the last Annual Meeting, I have carefully audited the Accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum for the year ending 30th June, 1887, and I am able to state that the Balance Sheets now submitted contain a correct summary of the receipts and payments of the year. The Books of Account have been very well kept, and all needful vouchers have been laid before me.

Maintenance Account, which contains every particular of the working of the Institution during the year, shows an increase in expenditure of £701 10s. 6d. With an addition of 15 to the average number of patients, the charges for provisions, &c., have increased. Furniture renewals have this year involved a larger outlay. Income shows a gain of £663 14s. 8d., a considerable increase having occurred in the receipts from paying patients, and a smaller increase in the interest received from investments. Decreases are found in donations and annual subscriptions.

On the Estate and Buildings Improvement Account the year's expenditure is £474 14s. 6d., and a balance of £640 is in hand to defray a part of the cost of a new Boiler House and two new Boilers required for the heating of the Asylum.

Recreation Hall Account has received further donations of £1,674 3s. 6d., and a sum of £1,900 has been paid on building account. The balance in hand is £1,826 10s. 3d.

The Sustentation Fund Account has received Legacies amounting to £2,567 os. 6d. In company with the honorary auditor, the Rev. David Davis, I examined the Deeds and Certificates representing Investments and found them in proper order.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, AUDITOR.

MAINTENANCE

Dr.

From June 30th, 1886,

Receipts.										£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1886	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				986	9	2
„ Donations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	755	11	4			
„ Legacies under Fifty Guineas	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	8	0			
„ Annual Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,491	7	8			
„ Payments for Patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,552	7	10			
„ Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,898	10	10			
(Including £15 os. 8d., "Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift")															
„ Interest on Bank Deposits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	18	2			
„ Rent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95	12	0			
„ Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	498	4	1			
													19,412	19	11
„ Farm Produce sold	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	198	14	9			
„ Garden Produce sold	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	13	9			
													203	8	6
„ Farm Produce supplied to the Asylum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,512	2	4			
„ Garden Produce supplied to the Asylum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	202	2	0			
													3,714	4	4

£24,317 1 11

*Examined and compared with the Books of Account
and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—Sept. 27th, 1887.*

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.
DAVID DAVIS, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

ACCOUNT,
to June 30th, 1887.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Expenses of General Annual Meeting at Durham, and of Local Committees, &c....	84	18	11			
„ Expenses of Election at Durham	62	6	8			
„ Printing 5,000 Twenty-second Annual Report, General Subscription Lists, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, and General Printing and Stationery	228	15	2			
„ General Advertising...	80	9	11			
„ Postage of Letters, Annual Reports, Voting Papers, Subscription Lists, Appeals, Pamphlets, &c.	77	6	6			
„ Offices (Lancaster and Manchester), Rent, Rates, Gas, Telegrams, Carriage, and Petty Cash Sundries	120	2	4			
				653	19	6
„ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling { Offices £704 3s. 1d. } Expenses { Asylum £4,990 11s. 3d. }	5,694	14	4			
„ Provisions { Purchased £2,521 14s. 1d. } { From Farm, Garden, &c. £3,714 4s. 4d. }	6,235	18	5			
„ Necessaries: Coals	697	18	7			
Gas	214	2	4			
Water...	189	10	0			
General	334	8	8			
„ Clothing	1,470	8	7			
„ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.	74	1	5			
„ Asylum Printing and Stationery	16	4	6			
„ Asylum Postage	16	1	0			
„ Insurance	73	8	6			
„ Maintenance Sundries	314	0	8			
„ Workshops and Repairs...	433	15	0			
„ Building Sundries	151	1	3			
„ Furniture: General	585	17	3			
Ironmongery	105	8	5			
Bedding...	421	15	10			
House Linen	32	3	0			
Crockery & Sundries	72	8	8			
				17,133	6	5
„ Property Expenses				93	19	9
„ Brunton House (Wages of Gardener, and Sundries)				98	14	2
„ Bank Interest, Commission, &c.				28	4	2
„ Farm (including Stock, Implements, Provender, &c.)	3,353	1	5			
„ Grounds and Garden	334	1	2			
				3,687	2	7
„ Estate and Buildings Improvement Account				1,114	14	6
„ Recreation Hall Account				500	0	0
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1887				1,007	0	10

£24,317 1 11

ESTATE AND BUILDINGS

Dr.

From June 30th, 1886,

Receipts.

To Maintenance Account...	£	s.	d.
	1,114	14	6

£1,114 14 6

Audited and found correct, Sept. 27th, 1887.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

DAVID DAVIS, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

RECREATION

Dr.

From June 30th, 1886,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1886				1,520	17	11
„ Donations	1,674	3	6			
„ Maintenance Account...	500	0	0			
				2,174	3	6
„ Bank Interest				33	16	4
				£3,728	17	9

Audited and found correct.—Sept. 27th, 1887.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

DAVID DAVIS, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1887.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Farm House Alterations and Additions	472	4	10
„ Bank Interest	2	9	8
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1887	640	0	0
	<u>£1,114 14 6</u>		

HALL ACCOUNT.

to June 30th, 1887.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Masonry and Excavations	1,700	0	0			
„ Woodwork	200	0	0			
	<u>1,900</u>			1,900	0	0
Bank Commission				2	7	6
Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1887				1,826	10	3
				<u>£3,728 17 9</u>		

SUSTENTATION
June 30th,

Dr.

Receipts.

To Amount received to June 30th, 1886...	£	s.	d.
	108,738	10	7
,, Amount received during the year ending June 30th, 1887 :—			
Legacies ...	2,567	0	6

*Examined and compared with the Books of Account
and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—Sept. 27th, 1887.*

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.
DAVID DAVIS, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

FUND ACCOUNT, 1887.

Cr.

Expenditure.

BY INVESTMENTS:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
East Indian Railway:						
Annuity "Class B" £450 per annum (less Sinking Fund, £30)	9,285	9	3			
Madras Railway:				9,285	9	3
£7,000 Capital Stock; Interest at 5 per cent.	7,347	19	4			
London and North Western Railway:				7,347	19	4
£3,000 Guaranteed Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...	2,703	2	6			
£6,500 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...	6,695	6	0			
£3,763 Perpetual Debenture Stock; Interest at 4 per cent.	3,225	12	0			
Midland Railway:				12,624	0	6
£8,810 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...	8,942	4	9			
North Eastern Railway:				8,942	4	9
£1,200 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent....	1,212	10	0			
£3,300 West Hartlepool Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent.	3,683	9	6			
£848 Darlington "B and C" Preference Stock; Interest at 6 per cent....	1,370	14	6			
South Eastern Railway:				6,266	14	0
£800 Guaranteed Stock; Interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ...	731	12	6			
£1,850 Preference Stock; Interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ...	1,858	13	10			
£3,250 Preference Stock; Interest at 5 per cent. ...	3,667	10	6			
London and South Western Railway:				6,257	16	10
£5,600 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...	5,951	12	0			
Great Western Railway:				5,951	12	0
£5,000 Preference Stock; Interest at 5 per cent. ...	5,829	14	0			
Furness Railway:				5,829	14	0
£2,250 Guaranteed Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...	2,070	12	6			
£3,450 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...	3,386	11	9			
Metropolitan Railway:				5,457	4	3
£5,000 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...	5,387	1	2			
Great Northern Railway:				5,387	1	2
£2,165 Preference Stock, 1876; Interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	2,597	1	0			
Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway:				2,597	1	0
£1,000 Debenture Stock; Interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ...	1,000	0	0			
Canadian Government:				1,000	0	0
£7,000 Inscribed Stock; Interest at 4 per cent.	7,140	3	0			
South Australian Government:				7,140	3	0
£6,000 Inscribed Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...	6,203	0	0			
New Zealand Government:				6,203	0	0
£5,000 Inscribed Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...	5,015	8	4			
Victorian Government:				5,015	8	4
£3,000 Inscribed Stock: Interest at 4 per cent.	3,142	15	0			
British Funds:				3,142	15	0
£501 5s. Consols; Interest at 3 per cent.	500	0	0			
				500	0	0
Additional Land (29a. 2r. 7p.)				98,948	3	5
Freehold Property				5,966	11	0
Brunton House	3,624	6	0	975	0	0
,, Renovations, Additions, and Furniture ...	905	5	4			
				4,529	11	4
Balance at Lancaster Bank June 30th, 1887... ..				886	5	4
				<u>£111,305</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>

RECEIPTS.

	1885—86			1886—87			Increase.		Decrease.	
	Average No. of Patients 533.			Average No. of Patients 548.			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Donations	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	£	s.
Legacies under Fifty Guineas	1455	11	6	755	11	4	700	0	2	0
Annual Subscriptions	50	0	0	60	8	0	10	8	0	0
Payments for Patients	4671	10	6	4491	7	8	180	2	10	0
Interest on Sustentation Fund	8494	2	6	9552	7	10	1068	5	4	0
Investments	3697	19	4	3898	10	10	200	11	6	0
Interest on Bank Deposits	86	7	4	60	18	2			25	9
Rent	114	8	0	95	12	0			18	16
Sundries	439	10	2	498	4	1	58	13	0	0
Farm Produce sold	154	6	3	198	14	9	44	8		
Garden Produce sold	6	8	7	4	13	9			1	14
Farm Produce supplied to the Asylum	3308	12	11	3512	2	4	203	9		
Garden Produce supplied to the Asylum	188	1	0	202	2	0	14	1		

EXPENDITURE.

	1885—86.			1886—87.			Increase.		Decrease.	
	Average No. of Patients 533.			Average No. of Patients 548.			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Expenses of General Annual Meeting, Public Meetings, and Local Committees	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	£	s.
Election Expenses	128	14	5	84	18	11	7	14	43	15
Printing Annual Reports, Reports of Meetings, General Subscription Lists, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, and General Printing and Stationery	64	1	8	62	6	8			1	15
General Advertising	247	13	4	228	15	2			18	18
General Postage	72	15	8	80	9	11			18	5
General Advertiser	95	12	3	77	6	6				
Offices (Lancaster & Manchester) Rent, Rates, Gas, Carriage, Telegrams, and Petty Cash Sundries	112	13	9	120	2	4	7	8		
Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses	5616	0	0	5694	14	4	78	14		
Provisions	6042	9	10	6235	18	5	193	8		
NECESSARIES:—Coals	649	14	10	697	18	7	48	3		
Gas	229	14	4	214	2	4			15	12
Water	196	6	0	189	10	0			6	16
General	346	0	2	334	8	8			11	11
Clothing	1429	18	0	1470	8	7	40	10		
Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c. Insurance	66	1	7	74	1	5	7	19		
Sundries	88	8	6	73	8	6			15	0
Workshops, Repairs, &c.	389	5	0	346	6	2			42	18
Building Sundries	484	9	3	433	15	0			0	14
FURNITURE:—General	46	17	6	151	1	3				
Ironmongery	227	7	1	585	17	3	104	3		
Bedding	57	9	4	105	8	5	358	10		
House Linen	331	5	7	421	15	10	47	19		
Crockery & Sundries	22	5	4	32	3	0	90	10		
Property Expenses	68	7	4	72	8	8	9	17		
Brunton House (Gardener's Wages and Sundries)	18	14	10	93	19	9	75	4		
Bank Interest, Commission, &c. Farm	100	17	2	98	14	2			2	3
Grounds and Garden	35	9	2	28	4	2			7	5
Estate and Buildings Improvement Account	3217	0	2	3353	1	5	136	1		
Recreation Hall Account	333	11	6	334	1	2	0	9		
	1439	7	0	1114	14	6			324	12
	500	0	0	500	0	0			6	0
NET INCREASE £701 10s. 6d.	22608	10	7	23310	1	1	1210	18	509	7
Balance at end of year	986	9	2	1007	0	10			6	0
	23594	19	9	24317	1	11				

Examined and certified to be correct.—Sept. 27th, 1887.
WILLIAM G. WELCH. Lancaster, Auditor.

SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Including Donations to the General, Maintenance, and Sustentation Funds ; and current Annual Subscriptions)

FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.										Donations.			Annual Sub- scriptions.		
										£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER (1)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17752	16	1	242	10	6
LIVERPOOL (2)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10037	3	1	217	9	0
MANCHESTER (3)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9217	7	9	562	17	6
BRADFORD (4)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8983	17	9	423	19	0
PRESTON (5)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8989	19	4	75	0	6
ROCHDALE (6)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6407	12	5	252	2	6
LEEDS (7)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4876	10	3	219	2	9
HALIFAX (8)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4778	1	0	352	18	6
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE, &C.) (9)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5103	17	0	361	9	4
WESTMORLAND (10)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4473	9	2	100	13	6
CHESHIRE (CHESTER, STOCKPORT, &C.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4272	12	5	460	5	6
SHEFFIELD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2780	2	9	100	17	0
DURHAM (COUNTY)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2796	7	0	400	12	3
YORK (11)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2560	14	7	106	5	6
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &C.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2326	19	7	23	12	6
OLDHAM (12)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1810	2	0	32	11	0
BOLTON (13)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1738	13	0	46	14	6
BLACKBURN (14)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1345	5	0	25	4	0
SETTLE...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1279	4	11	32	1	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1290	1	8	33	12	0
HUDDERSFIELD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1256	10	0	50	3	0
SKIPTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1204	8	2	19	19	0
WAKEFIELD (15)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	953	0	7	7	17	6
BURY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	913	9	4	29	1	0
BURNLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	783	7	6	14	14	0
WARRINGTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	740	2	6	11	11	0
KEIGHLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	738	11	0	29	8	0
SOUTHPORT...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	673	18	0	44	13	6
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	561	7	0	7	12	6
WIGAN	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	497	9	0	22	1	0
SCARBOROUGH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	308	5	0	4	14	6
ROTHERHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	304	17	6	8	8	0
ST. HELENS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	268	10	6	14	14	0
HULL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	257	9	2	19	18	6
DONCASTER...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	151	13	3	15	15	0

JAMES DIGGENS, GENERAL SECRETARY.

- (1) The Lancaster Donations include £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton, and £500 from Miss Brunton; £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company; and £1300 from Messrs. Storey Bros. and Co., who also contribute a Special Annual Subscription of £52 10s.
- (2) The Liverpool Donations include £1500 from Mrs. Chas. Turner.
- (3) The Manchester Donations include £1105 from the late John Fernley, Esq.; £1000 from the late Robert Barnes, Esq.; and £1000 from the late William Atkinson, Esq.
- (4) The Bradford Donations include £5105 from the late Sir Titus Salt, Bart.
- (5) The Preston Donations include £5000 from the late E. Rodgett, Esq. and £677 10s. from the late Richard Newsham, Esq.
- (6) The Rochdale Donations include £525 from Richard Hurst, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, junr., Esq.; £500 from John Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; £500 from the late Joshua Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; and £500 from Samuel Fielden, Esq., Todmorden.
- (7) The Leeds Donations include £1105 from Messrs. Joshua Tetley and Son; £525 from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lupton; and £500 from the late Miss Dawson, of Bramhope Manor, Otley.
- (8) The Halifax Donations include £630 from the late Joshua Appleyard, Esq.; and £668 from Hanson Ormerod, Esq.
- (9) The Cumberland Donations include £525 from the late Thomas Ainsworth, Esq., (Cleator); and £500 from the Right Hon. Lord Muncaster.
- (10) The Westmorland Donations include £675 from W. H. Wakefield, Esq.; £400 from the late John Wakefield, Esq.; £500 from the Executors of the late F. A. Argles, Esq.; and £310 10s. from Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (11) The York Donations include £1000 from "A Friend," per the late Wm. Gray, Esq.
- (12) The Oldham Donations include £631 5s. from the late Asa Lees, Esq. who also bequeathed a legacy of £10,000.
- (13) The Bolton Donations include £500, "In Memory of the late Wm. Hampson, Esq."
- (14) The Blackburn Donations include £775 from Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (15) The Wakefield Donations include £520 from the late Daniel Gaskell, Esq.

TABLE OF SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Reports of the Schoolmaster,
Schoolmistress, and Gymnastic Master.

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
	249	30	87	186	552
I. SPEECH.					
1. Make no attempt	2	10	15	16	43
2. Make some attempt	7	7	21	24	59
3. Make a few articulate sounds	10	3	10	18	41
4. Speak indistinctly	39	3	16	25	83
5. Speak fairly	72	4	16	37	129
6. Speak well	119	3	9	66	197
					552
II. READING.					
1. Know no letters or words	52	22	63	86	223
2. Know a few letters... ..	70	7	12	40	129
3. Know all the letters	22	1	6	17	46
4. Know at sight a few words	13	0	5	21	39
5. Read easy words and spell them	51	0	0	3	54
6. Read fairly*	41	0	1	19	61
<i>* 77 Patients read books alone for amusement.</i>					552
III. WRITING.					
1. Do nothing but scribble	44	21	35	48	148
2. Form strokes, &c., on slate... ..	62	8	42	68	180
3. Do. do. in copy book	26	1	5	16	48
4. Form letters in copybook	23	0	3	22	48
5. Write easy words in copy book	48	0	1	14	63
6. Write fairly*	46	0	1	18	65
<i>*74 Patients write letters home with assistance and 23 without assistance.</i>					552
<i>767 Letters have been written and sent home during the past year.</i>					
IV. ARITHMETIC.					
Cannot count at all	37	21	44	61	163
Count a little	70	8	31	39	148
Count up to 30	39	1	5	39	84
Understand value of unit figures	25	0	3	23	51
Work simple addition sums	57	0	4	17	78
6. Work easy sums in simple rules*	21	0	0	7	28
<i>*9 Boys work sums in the compound rules.</i>					552

TABLE OF SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS—*continued.*

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
V. CLOCK LESSON,	249	30	87	186	552
1. Know neither hours nor minutes ...	88	29	80	131	328
2. Know some of the hours	34	1	6	40	81
3. Know all the hours	45	0	1	7	53
4. Know the hours and quarters	24	0	0	5	29
5. Do. do. and 5 minutes	28	0	0	0	28
6. Can tell the time to a minute	30	0	0	3	33
VI. SHOP LESSON.					552
1. Know no coins nor weights... ..	45	22	74	103	244
2. Know a few coins	53	7	9	52	121
3. Do. do. and weights	52	1	3	11	67
4. Know all the coins and some weights	32	0	0	10	42
5. Know all the coins and weights and calculate a little	47	0	1	7	55
6. Do. do. and calculate fairly ...	20	0	0	3	23
VII. COLOUR LESSON.					552
1. Know no colours	45	18	66	88	217
2. Know black and white	20	1	10	23	54
3. Know one or two simple colours ...	39	3	7	28	77
4. Know all the simple colours	38	7	3	27	75
5. Do. do. and some compound shades	57	1	1	9	68
6. Know and can match most compound shades	50	0	0	11	61
VIII. MUSIC.					552
1. No interest in musical sounds	7	11	0	1	19
2. Attentive to do. do.	69	11	50	53	183
3. Sing by ear simple tunes without words	90	7	23	48	168
4. Do. do. with words	78	1	14	84	177
5. Rudimentary knowledge of musical symbols	5	0	0	0	5
6. Sing from do. do.	0	0	0	0	0
IX. DRILL.					552
1. Have no idea of drill	4	9	23	26	62
2. Stand at attention when told	43	20	18	29	110
3. Perform simple movements of limbs	87	1	22	25	135
4. Go through extension movements fairly	67	0	13	25	105
5. Do. do. do. well and march	38	0	4	33	75
6. Do. do. do. to music	10	0	7	48	65
					552

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

August 31st, 1887.

TABLE OF INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Return of the Trade Instructors, Chief Attendant, and Head Nurse. It must be understood that the occupations are progressive, in order of difficulty, from 1 to 6; occupation in a higher grade usually implying familiarity with the lower grades.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.		Number employed in each grade, with quality of work.				Total number employed.
Grades of Work.		Indif-ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex-cel-lent.	
I. TAILORING.						
1. Preliminary Work	3	3	0	0	6	16 Tailors.
2. Sewing Linings	0	0	1	0	1	
3. Do. Seams	0	0	1	0	1	
4. Felling	0	0	5	0	5	
5. Making Garments	0	1	2	0	3	
6. Machining	0	0	0	0	0	
II. SHOEMAKING.						
1. Preliminary Work	1	3	2	0	6	15 Shoemakers
2. Stitching Backs	0	2	1	0	3	
3. Closing Sides	0	1	2	0	3	
4. Patching and Nailing	0	0	0	0	0	
5. Repairing	0	1	1	0	2	
6. Bottoming (making)	0	1	0	0	1	
III. JOINERY.						
1. Preliminary Work (use of tools)	2	5	8	2	17	28 Joiners.
2. Planing at Bench	0	0	2	0	2	
3. Making frames	0	0	0	0	0	
4. Making simple boxes, &c.	0	0	2	1	3	
5. Work at Bench (Dovetailing, &c.)	0	0	4	2	6	
6. Machine Work (boring at lathe)... ..	0	0	0	0	0	
IV. GARDENING.						
1. Preliminary work in weeding class	8	10	19	4	41	Weed- ing Boys.
2. Barrow filling and emptying	0	7	4	0	11	24 Gardeners.
3. Digging	0	0	3	0	3	
4. Weeding amongst crops	0	0	4	0	4	
5. Picking peas, fruit, &c.	0	0	3	0	3	
6. Potato setting, &c.	0	2	1	0	3	

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.		Number employed in each grade, and quality of work.				Total number employed.
Grades of Work.		Indifferent.	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	
V. FARMING.						
1. Preliminary work—weeding, &c...	...	0	0	0	0	9 Farm Boys. 0 1 4 0 0 4
2. Cleaning yards, shippens, &c.	...	0	0	0	0	
2. Feeding stock	...	0	0	1	0	
4. Weeding amongst crops	...	0	2	2	0	
5. Harvesting:		0				
<i>a</i> Gathering and raking	...	0	0	0	0	
<i>b</i> Cutting and binding	...	0	0	0	0	
6. Milking, &c	...	0	2	2	0	
VI. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SHOP.						
1. Picking Hair, Wool, &c.	...	0	14	13	0	31 in Industrial Training Shop. 27 0 3 1 0 0
2. Plaiting Coir	...	0	0	0	0	
3. Mat Making	...	0	1	2	0	
4. Brush Filling	...	0	0	1	0	
5. Palliasse and Mattress Making	...	0	0	0	0	
6. Basket Making	...	0	0	0	0	
VII. MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS.						
1. Shoe-cleaning	...	0	5	16	0	64 miscellaneously employed. 21 10 15 7 1 2 8
2. Corridor-cleaning and Ward-work	...	0	0	10	0	
3. Laundry-work—mangling, &c., &c.	...	0	3	11	1	
4. Store-work and Kitchen and Dairy	...	0	1	5	1	
5. Assisting Stoker	...	0	0	1	0	
6. Assisting Plumber	...	0	0	2	0	
7. Assisting Baker	...	0	2	5	2	

Total number of Boys employed in Industrial Occupations ... 228.

Several others assist in Dormitory and Day-room arrangements, and in dressing and attending on other Patients.

17 Infant Boys receive special Industrial Lessons in School (not included in above abulation); 23 are taught needlework, and 20 do Kindergarten work.

Eight Boys (also otherwise employed) act as Messengers to Lancaster.

OCCUPATIONS OF GIRLS.		No. employed in each occupation, and quality of work.				Total number employed.
Chief kinds of Occupation.		Indifferent.	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	
1. Preliminary work—Industrial Class	...	0	22	15	5	<div> <div>42</div> <div>14</div> <div>20</div> <div>23</div> <div>10</div> <div>10</div> </div> <div>119</div>
2. Sweeping, dusting, &c.	...	6	5	3	0	
3. Bed-making	...	2	6	9	3	
4. Scrubbing and general house work	...	0	0	6	17	
5. Laundry-work	...	0	4	4	2	
6. *Sewing and knitting	...	0	4	3	3	

*In School 53 Girls are engaged in preliminary work with needle, 20 hem, 17 sew fairly, 8 sew fairly and knit, and 28 sew fairly, knit, and do wool work.

The number of Girls employed in Industrial occupations out of school is 77, and 42 other Girls receive special Industrial lessons in school, making a total of 119 under Industrial Training.

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

August 31st, 1887.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

TABLE

Showing condition of Patients discharged during year.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
"Relieved"	{	Recovered	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
		Much improved	...	...	...	...	10	5	15
		Moderately improved	...	...	...	...	12	4	16
		Slightly improved	...	...	...	...	18	6	24
		* Not improved	...	...	...	...	3	3	6
							43	18	61

* Of these, 2 Girls discharged and re-admitted on account of informal Certificates.

TABLE

Showing ages of Patients who have resided in the Asylum and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks included in the Medical Superintendent's General Report.

AGES On 1st January, 1887.				NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
				Male.	Female.	Total.	Male	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years	...			29	15	44	0	0	0
10 „ 15 „	...			139	82	221	2	4	6
15 „ 20 „	...			151	75	226	4	1	5
20 and upwards	...			99	37	136	3	2	5
				418	209	627	9	7	16

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

WORK DONE IN SHOPS, &c.

Department.	Made.	Repaired	Department.	Made.	Repaired
TAILORS.			GIRLS' WORKROOM AND WARDROBE.		
Coats	172	...	Aprons	89	...
Trousers	264	...	Chemises	26	854
Vests	172	...	Collars ... ..	...	1175
	608	...	Drawers	26	2270
			Dresses	6	2617
			Feeders	61	1581
			Flannel Petticoats ...	28	1177
			Flannel Vests	106	1873
			Hats ... ..	...	72
			Hoods	43	363
			Jackets	9	69
			Nightdresses	21	1831
			Nightshirts	8	...
			Pinafores	200	6593
			Shirts	5	2369
			Skirts	129	560
			Stays ... ..	...	13
			Ulsters	11	77
				763	23494
TAILORESSES.			LINEN ROOM.		
Coats	92	3279	Bolster Slips... ..	185	812
Overcoats ... ..	...	270	Blankets... ..	60	679
Trousers	93	7839	Blinds	25	48
Vests	88	1891	Counterpanes	182	495
	273	13279	Dinner Napkins ... ..	...	12
			Pillow Cases... ..	112	...
			Pillow Slips	145	527
			Sheets	438	864
			Table Cloths... ..	31	203
			Toilet Covers	19	5
			Tea Cloths	50	56
			Towels	78	670
				1325	4371
SHOEMAKERS.			PLUMBERS.		
Boots (pairs)	374	2833	All Plumbing, Glazing, and Smiths' work.		
			CARPENTERS.		
			All Joinery, Carpentry, Repairing Wooden Furniture, &c.		
UPHOLSTERERS.			PAINTER.		
Baskets ... ..	...	57	Painting, Colouring, Limewashing, and Jobbing.		
Bolsters ... ..	...	295	LAUNDRY.		
Mats	34	2	Number of Pieces Washed :—		
Mattresses... ..	...	366	Sheets	71,125	
Palliasses ... ..	...	63	Pinafores	33,527	
Wool Beds ... ..	...	15	Nightshirts	23,145	
Mops	6	...	Nightdresses	31,389	
			Other Articles	374,131	
				533,317	
BOYS' WARDROBE.					
Aprons	38	1106			
Collars ... ..	...	2530			
Drawers ... ..	...	1713			
Flannel Vests ... ..	...	841			
Jackets, Linen... ..	...	859			
Nightshirts	11	1444			
Shirts ... ..	...	6661			
Socks and Stockings ...	...	6031			
	49	21185			

JAMES DIGGENS, SECRETARY.

LIST OF CLERGYMEN AND MINISTERS

WHO HAVE ALREADY PREACHED IN AID OF THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester (the late), at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.

The Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Capetown at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.

The Very Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D., (now Dean of Llandaff, and Master of the Temple), at the Parish Church, Leeds; Rev. Dr. Atlay (now Lord Bishop of Hereford), Vicar.

Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.

Rev. J. Cooper Antliff, Stanley Street Chapel, Sheffield.

Rev. Canon Ashwell (Chichester), Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.

Rev. R. Atkinson-Grimshaw, Cockerham Church, Lancaster.

Rev. W. C. Bache, (Alresford), Longridge Church, Preston.

Rev. W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitby.

Rev. H. Barnacle, Parish Church, Knutsford.

Rev. H. Glanville Barnacle, Holmes Chapel, Crewe.

Rev. P. Bartlett, Christ Church, Lancaster.

Rev. T. Battle, East Keswick Church, near Leeds.

Rev. Dr. Black, Newchurch Church, Warrington.

Rev. G. L. Blake, St. Mary's Church, Ellet, Lancaster.

Rev. W. O. Blunt, Parish Church, Chester-le-Street.

Rev. Francis Bolton, (Birmingham) High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.

Rev. John Bone, St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster.

Rev. J. Brack, Skerton Church, Lancaster.

Rev. R. T. Bradbury, St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.

Rev. W. Bridges, Holme St. Cuthbert Church, Wigton.

Rev. C. J. Bushell, Barkisland Church, Halifax.

Rev. F. A. Cave-Browne-Cave, Longridge Church, Preston.

Rev. John Chadwick, Tatham Church, Bentham.

Rev. S. Chapman, (Glasgow), Baptist Chapel, Rochdale.

Rev. W. E. Chapman, (Brighton), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.

Rev. A. Christopherson, (Haverthwaite), Caton Church, Lancaster.

Rev. T. J. Clarke, (York), at St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster; Rev. C. Campbell, Vicar.

Rev. John Crawford, Christ Church, East Knottingley.

Rev. J. F. Cowley, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.

Rev. M. W. B. Dawe, M.A., at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.

Rev. E. Dothie, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.

Rev. F. Earle, West Tanfield Church, Bedale.

Rev. S. Earnshaw, at the Parish Church, Sheffield; Rev. Rowley Hill (the late Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man), Vicar.

Rev. Canon Eden (the late), Aberford Church, South Milford.

Rev. J. Fleming, (the late), at the Independent Chapel, Lancaster.

- Rev. Dr. Flood, (Aylesbury), at Masham Church, Bedale ; Rev. G. M. Gorham
Vicar.
- Rev. J. Francis, (Dunham-on-Trent), St. Anne's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. E. Green, All Saints' Church, Cockermouth.
- Rev. Dr. Bedford Hall, (the late), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. J. Hammersley, Alithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands.
- Rev. James Harrison, Barbon Church, Kirkby Lonsdale.
- Rev. H. Hassard, Stockton-on-the-Forest Church, York.
- Rev. S. Hastings, Rector of Halton, Lancaster; Camp Service of 2nd
Adm. Battalion of West Riding Volunteers at Morecambe.
- Rev. H. B. Hawkins, Parish Church, Lytham.
- Rev. Thos. Hayes, Bracewell Church, Skipton.
- Rev. T. C. Henley, Kirkby Malham Church, Bell Busk.
- Rev. Thompson Hesk, (Chertsey), Wesley Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. Rowley Hill, (now Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man) Parish Church, Sheffield.
- Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.
- Rev. J. N. Hoare, St. John's Church, Keswick.
- Rev. A. Hodgkin, Treales Church, Kirkham.
- Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth.
- Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre, Garstang.
- Rev. Canon Hornby, St. Mary's Parish Church, Bury.
- Rev. Canon Hoskins, at All Saints' Church, Cockermouth ; Rev. E. Green
Vicar.
- Rev. A. H. Hughes, Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.
- Rev. W. Jackson, Independent Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. C. H. Joberns, (West Bromwich), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster
Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. J. Kenworthy, Ackworth Church, Pontefract.
- Rev. J. C. Kershaw, St. Leonard's Church, Walton-le-Dale, Preston.
- Rev. W. C. Kewish, (Darlington), Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Radcliffe Bridge,
Manchester.
- Rev. P. C. Kidd, Parish Church, Skipton.
- Rev. H. W. Kirby, Field Broughton Church, Grange-over-Sands.
- Rev. Thos. Leach, Parish Church, Burton-in-Lonsdale.
- Rev. T. Faulkner Lee, D.D., (the late), and the Rev. T. S. Polehampton, at
Christ Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. H. Lomax, Church of St. John the Divine, Thorpe, Halifax.
- Rev. Canon Maclure, (Rochdale), Holy Trinity Church, Habergham Eaves,
Burnley.
- Rev. E. R. Mainwaring-White, Eastoft Church, Goole.
- Rev. E. F. Manby (the late), Morecambe Church.
- Rev. R. W. Marriott, Aldborough Church, Boroughbridge.
- Rev. C. Marsden, Gargrave Church.
- Rev. Robert Martin, Irlam Church, near Manchester.
- Rev. John Mathwin, West Pelton Church, Chester-le-Street.
- Rev. Thomas Meadows, Thornton Church, Poulton-le-Fylde.
- Rev. J. M. Morgan, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness.
- Rev. G. G. Morton, Parish Church, Ulverston.
- Rev. D. C. Neary, D.D., (the late), South Ossett Church, Wakefield.
- Rev. A. M. Norman, Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.

- Rev. T. J. Oliver, United Methodist Free Church, Blyth.
 Rev. John Owen (the late), Unitarian Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. J. L. Pain, (Silverdale), at Warton Church ; Rev. T. H. Pain, Vicar.
 Rev. T. H. Pain, Warton Parish Church, Carnforth.
 Rev. R. C. Pattenson, Melmerby Church, Penrith.
 Rev. Wilson Pedder, Churchtown Church, Garstang.
 Rev. F. E. Perrin (the late), Ribchester.
 Rev. G. Pickering, Trinity Church, Ulverston.
 Rev. W. E. Pryke, at the Parish Church, Lancaster,—Rev. Canon Allen, D.D. Vicar ; at Warton Church and Priest Hutton Licensed Room, Rev. T. H. Pain, Rector of Warton.
 Rev. Richard Ray, Wesleyan Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. J. P. Rigby, Aughton Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. C. O. L. Riley, (Preston), Parish Church, Lancaster ; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D. Vicar.
 Rev. Canon Robinson, Parish Church, Bolton Abbey.
 Rev. W. Rose, Petre Street Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. C. T. Royds, Heysham Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. A. D. Shafto, Brancepeth Church, Durham.
 Rev. R. N. Sharpe, St. Mary's Church, Hundersfield, Rochdale.
 Rev. W. Shilleto (the late), Goosnargh Church, Preston.
 Rev. J. Simpson (the late), Kirkby Stephen, at the Parish Church, Kirkby Lonsdale ; Rev. Canon Ware, Vicar.
 Rev. J. G. Smith, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley Street, Sheffield.
 Rev. James Smith, Wicker Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. T. Jackson Smith, St. Thomas' Church, Leigh, Manchester.
 Rev. H. A. Starkie, Radcliffe Church, Manchester.
 Rev. Canon Stewart and Rev. John Creeser, St. John Baptist's Church, Tue Brook, Liverpool ; Rev. John C. Reade, Vicar.
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 Rev. Geo. Style, Giggleswick, Settle.
 Rev. Alexander Thomson, D.D. (Manchester), at High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
 Rev. C. C. Tyte, Broompark Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. Canon Upperton, Ince Church, Chester.
 Rev. G. F. Weston (the late), Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.
 Rev. E. White, Quernmore Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. A. M. Wilson, Ainstable Church, Penrith.
 Rev. R. W. Wilson, Sutton Church, Cross Hills.
 Rev. Thos. Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton.
 Rev. A. Woods, at Alithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands ; Rev. J. Hammersley, Vicar.
 Rev. John Wordsworth, Gosforth Church, Gosforth.
 Rev. W. Yates, Arley Parish Church, Northwich.

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 A Friend, a Silk Scarf for the best pupil of the year.
 Ainley, Mrs., Doncaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Anonymous, A Lady, Articles of Underclothing.
 Anonymous, Manchester, a Packet of Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Allen, Rev. Canon, D.D., Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Allen, Mrs. John, Hillside, Lancaster, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
 Atkinson, Mrs., Manningham, Bradford, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Bagnall & Wilcock, Lancaster, Christmas Tree Candles for Christmas Tree.
 Barrow, Mrs. T., Baldrand, Lancaster, Bags of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Barrow, Miss, Westbourne Terrace, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Beckett, Mrs., Sheffield, 1s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Bellion, Mrs., Formby, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Berry, Miss, Walkden, Bolton, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Blades, Mrs., Caton, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
 Bone, Mrs., St. Thomas' Vicarage, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Bradbury, Mrs., Knutsford, a Dressed Doll for Christmas Tree.
 Briggs, The Misses, Shipley, Box of Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Briggs, W., Cheapside, Lancaster, Bottle of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Brooks, Mrs., Doncaster, Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
 Butterworth, B., Luddenden, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Capstick, Mrs., Stonewell, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Chadwick, Chas., Castleton, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Clark, Miss, Queen Street, Lancaster, Oranges and Apples for Christmas Tree.
 Collected by a Friend in Manchester and other places, £4 12s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Cox, Henry, Liverpool, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Craven, Joseph, M.P., Thornton, Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Crossland, Wm., Leeds, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Diggins, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Dixon, Mrs., Sheffield, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Domestic Servants at Winmarleigh, a Case of Toys.
 Dorricott, Rev. I., Pontypool, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Eckersley, Mrs., Standish Hall, Wigan, Box of Toys, Dolls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Eckersley, Miss E., Standish Hall, Wigan, Mounted Pictures for Christmas Tree.
 Edge, Wm., Bolton-le-Moors, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Edwards, Mrs., Liverpool, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Ellison, E., Blackburn, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Felce, W., Brookfield Terrace, Lancaster, a Bound Vol. of the "Graphic" for Christmas Tree.
 Fenwick, Mrs., Stanhope, Darlington, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Friends, per Jos. Watson, Whickham, 3s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Foster, Mrs., Hornby Castle, Three Cases of Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Greenwood, Mrs. R., Dalton Square, Lancaster, Woollen Mitts for Christmas Tree.
 Greenwood, Mrs., Bolton-le-Moors, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Greg, Albert, Escowbeck, Caton, Evergreens for Decorations for Christmas.
 Greg, Albert, do. do. 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Goff, Mrs., Willey, Broseley 23 lbs. Honey in comb.
 Hadwen, Mrs., Ashfield, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hadwin, Miss M. A., Morecambe, Two Dressed Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 Hall, W., Market Street, Lancaster, Candles for Christmas Tree.
 Handley, H. J., Chester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Harris, Mrs., Halton Park, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Harrison, James, Dornden, Tunbridge Wells, £5 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Halliwell, Mrs., Lancaster, a large Doll for Christmas Tree.
 Higgin, W. H., Q.C., Springfield Hall, Lancaster, Box of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Higgin, Mrs., Springfield Hall, Lancaster, Toys and Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 Holden, Miss, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.

- Hurst, Mrs., Spring Hill, Rochdale, Case of Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
Hurst, Richard, do. do. A Parcel of the "Graphic."
Jackson, Mrs., Shipley, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
Jeeves, Mrs., Malvern, £1 for Christmas Tree.
Johnson, E., Market Street, Lancaster, a "Royal Mail Cart" Toy for Christmas Tree.
Johnson, Miss, Spital, Birkenhead, Chest of Toys, Musical Instruments, &c, for Christmas Tree.
Johnson, Mrs., Queen's Road, Manchester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
Jolly, Miss, Hastings, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
Lancaster and Skerton Co-operative Society, Limited, Box of Oranges and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
Longman, Mrs., Market Street, Lancaster, Books and Toys for Christmas Tree.
Manners, Mrs., Cheapside, Lancaster, Box of Bon-bons and a dozen Satchels of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
McAdam, John, Manchester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
Milner, J. L., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
Moon, J. C., (the late), Lancaster, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
Nickson, Mrs., Talbot Hotel, Blackpool, Two Boxes of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
Page, Mrs., Lunecliffe, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
Paget, Miss, Greenfield, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
Paley, E. G., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
Pickford, Miss, The Haws, Carnforth, Parcel of Magazines for Christmas Tree.
Radley, Mrs., Morecambe, £1 for Christmas Tree.
Ramsbotham, Dr., Leeds, Box of Fruit and Toys for Christmas Tree.
Rawson, J. Selwyn, Thorpe, Halifax, Two Geese and £1 ls. for Christmas Tree.
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Rawson, Mrs. F. E., Thorpe, Halifax, £1 ls. for Christmas Tree.
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Rickards, C. A., Bell Busk, black, white, and coloured Sewing Silk.
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Saul, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
Saville, Mrs., Bradford, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
Seward, A., Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
Sharpe, Mrs., Halton Hall, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
Shaw, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
Shaw, Thos., Gomersal, 6s. for Christmas Tree.
Sherson, The Misses, Greenfield, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
Simpson, M., Queen Street, Lancaster, Illustrated Papers for Christmas Tree.
Slinger, The Misses, White Cross Cottage, Lancaster, Dolls and Woollen Mitts for Christmas Tree.
Starkie, J. P. C., and Mrs. Starkie, Ashton Hall, Lancaster, Barrel of Apples, Figs Raisins, and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
Storey, Sir Thomas, Westfield, Lancaster, 140 Lancaster Jubilee Medals.
Storey Lady, do. do. Case of Toys for Christmas Tree.
Tennant, C., Market Street, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
Umpleby, Mrs., Snaith, Selby, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
Wade, Major and Mrs. Wade, Sawrey Infra, Ambleside, Two dozen "Child's Companion" Almanacs, &c., for Christmas Tree.
Wade, Major, Sawrey Infra, Ambleside, 140 Jubilee Tokens.
Warburton, Miss, Farnworth, Case of Toys for Christmas Tree.
Welsby, Captain Hardy, Southport, 3 Gross of Bon-bons for Christmas Tree.
Wilson, Miss Eleanor, Kendal, Toys, Woollen Articles, &c., for Christmas Tree.
Wright, Alfred, Leeds, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
Wrigley, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Wrigley, Holbeck, Windermere, Two Cases of Toys, Dolls, Mounted Pictures, Scrap Books, &c., for Christmas Tree.
Yates, Chr., Preston, a Parcel of the "Graphic" and "Illustrated London News."

CENSUS OF IDIOTS AND IMBECILES.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

Number of Idiots and Imbeciles returned in the Householders' Schedules at the Census of 1881 :—

MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
16,105.	16,612.	32,717.

The Seven Northern Counties comprising the Royal Albert Asylum District :—

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
LANCASHIRE	1911	1798	3709
YORKSHIRE	1414	1489	2903
DURHAM	292	322	614
CHESHIRE... ..	376	382	758
NORTHUMBERLAND	258	228	486
CUMBERLAND... ..	106	103	209
WESTMORLAND	40	45	85
Total of the District	4397	4367	8764

The returns are, undoubtedly, far below the actual number. It is obvious that, for various reasons, many persons throughout the country, who unquestionably belong to the class "Idiots and Imbeciles," would not be returned as such in the Householders' Schedules; and, as an illustration of the great difficulty of procuring accurate statistics on the subject, it may be mentioned that at the Census of 1871 the Superintendent Registrar of an extensive district ascertained, after careful enquiry, that fully 25 per cent. of the Idiots and Imbeciles in his district had not been returned. It may be assumed that the Census Officers of the district secured more than average completeness in their returns, as they received precise and special instructions to see that the Column in the Schedules headed "Imbecile or Idiot" was filled up in all proper cases.

The number of Idiots and Imbeciles of 5 years of age and under 20, returned in the Seven Northern Counties at the Census of 1881 was 2422. Probably a great many at the early period of life would not be entered in the Schedules, owing to the natural disinclination of parents to conclude that their children are so far mentally afflicted as to render it necessary to return them as Idiots or Imbeciles.

The following is the Ratio of returned Idiots and Imbeciles to the entire population in the several places named (Census 1881):—

Name.	Population	Idiots and Imbeciles.	Persons to One Idiot or Imbecile.	Idiots & Imbeciles per 20,000 persons.
ENGLAND AND WALES	25,974,439	32717	794	25·2
THE SEVEN COUNTIES	8,627,156	8764	984	20·3
LANCASHIRE	3,485,819	3709	940	21·2
YORKSHIRE	2,894,759	2903	997	20·0
DURHAM... ..	875,166	614	1425	14·0
CHESHIRE	622,365	758	821	24·3
NORTHUMBERLAND	434,086	486	893	22·4
CUMBERLAND	250,647	209	1199	16·7
WESTMORLAND	64,314	85	757	26·4

NOTE.—The Counties are Registration Counties which differ slightly from the Geographical Counties.

LIST OF PLACES

FROM WHICH THE PRESENT INMATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED

LANCASHIRE.

	No.		No.
Astley, Manchester...	1	Nelson, Burnley ...	2
Ashton-under-Lyne ...	1	Newchurch, Warrington ...	1
Barrow-in-Furness ...	1	Newton-le-Willows ...	2
Barrowford, Burnley ...	1	Oldham ...	17
Bedford-Leigh ...	4	Pemberton, Wigan ...	1
Bolton-le-Moors ...	11	Penwortham, Preston ...	1
Blackburn ...	7	Prescot, Liverpool ...	4
Burnley ...	8	Preston ...	10
Bury ...	6	Quernmore, Lancaster ...	1
Clitheroe ...	2	Radcliffe ...	3
Coniston ...	1	Rawtenstall ...	1
Dalton-in-Furness ...	1	Ribchester, Preston ...	1
Farnworth, Bolton-le-Moors...	2	Rochdale ...	3
Fazackerley, Liverpool...	1	Royton, Oldham ...	1
Formby, Liverpool ...	1	Seaforth, Liverpool...	3
Garstang ...	1	Southport ...	3
Garston, Liverpool ...	1	Stalybridge ...	1
Harwood, Bolton-le-Moors ...	1	Standish, Wigan ...	1
Haslingden ...	1	Stockport ...	1
Heysham, Lancaster ...	1	Todmorden, Rochdale ...	1
Hindley, Wigan ...	1	Tyldesley ...	1
Lancaster ...	5	Ulverston ...	1
Liverpool ...	52	Walkden, Bolton-le-Moors ...	1
Longridge, Preston...	3	Walton-le-Dale, Preston ...	1
Lytham, Preston ...	1	Warrington ...	2
Manchester and Salford...	73		
Middleton, Manchester ..	1		
Mossley ...	1		

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YORKSHIRE.

Addingham, Skipton ...	2	Marske-by-the-Sea ...	1
Allerthorpe, Bedale ...	1	Mirfield ...	1
Appersett, Hawes ...	1	Newlay, Leeds...	1
Barnoldswick, Skipton ...	1	Overton, Wakefield...	1
Barnsley ...	5	Owston, Doncaster ...	1
Batley... ..	1	Queensbury, Bradford ...	1
Bedale ...	1	Rastrick, Halifax ...	1
Bell Busk, Skipton ...	1	Richmond ...	1
Bingley, Bradford ...	2	Ripley... ..	1
Bradford ...	14	Rodley, Leeds ...	2
Bramley, Leeds ...	1	Rotherham ...	5
Brighouse, Halifax ...	3	Saltaire, Bradford ...	2
Burley-in-Wharfedale, Bradford ...	1	Saltburn-by-the-Sea ...	1
Dewsbury ...	3	Scarborough ...	1
Doncaster ...	4	Scotton, Knaresbro' ...	1
Easingwold ...	1	Shadwell, Leeds ...	1
East Keswick, Leeds ...	1	Sheffield ...	14
Farnley, Leeds...	1	Shipley, Bradford ...	3
Farsley, Leeds...	1	Skipton ...	2
Gomersal, Leeds ...	1	Skirlaugh ...	1
Goole ...	5	Slaidburn ...	1
Guisborough ...	2	Snaith, Selby ...	1
Halifax ...	9	Sowerby Bridge, Halifax ...	2
Hebden Bridge, Halifax...	2	Stainforth, Doncaster ..	1
Hessle, Hull ...	1	Thornton, Bradford ...	1
Holmfirth, Huddersfield ...	1	Wakefield ...	1
Huddersfield ...	6	West Cottingwith ...	1
Hull ...	4	West Vale, Halifax ...	1
Keighley ...	3	Whitby ...	1
Knaresbro' ...	1	York ...	6
Leeds ...	29		
Lightcliffe, Halifax ...	2		
Luddenden, Halifax ...	2		

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DURHAM.

	No.		No.
Birtley	1	Langley Moor	1
Bishop Auckland	2	New Seaham	1
Bishopwearmouth	1	New Shildon	2
Blackhill	1	Seaham Harbour	1
Chester-le-Street	1	Seaton Carew	1
Cornsay	1	Sleetburn	1
Crook	1	South Shields	1
Darlington	6	Stockton-on-Tees	1
Durham	3	Sunderland	3
Easington	1	West Hartlepool	1
Felling... ..	1	Whickham... ..	1
Gateshead	3	Wingate	1
Hartlepool... ..	1		
Hetton-le-Hole... ..	1		
Hunstanworth	1		
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CHESHIRE.

Adlington	1	Lymm... ..	1
Alderley Edge	1	Macclesfield	1
Alsager	1	Mobberley	1
Birkenhead	7	Neston	1
Bunbury	1	Northwich... ..	1
Chester	11	Runcorn	1
Crewe... ..	1	Sealand, Chester	3
Disley	1	Siddington... ..	1
Heaton Norris	1	Stalybridge	3
Knutsford	2		
Liscard	1		
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CUMBERLAND.

Aspatria	1	Silloth... ..	1
Carlisle	5	Stapleton	1
Cockermouth	2	Whitehaven	1
Cumwhitton	1	Wigton	2
Gilgarron	1	Workington	1
Harrington	2		
Irthington... ..	1		
Moor Row	1		
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NORTHUMBERLAND.

Acklington... ..	1	North Shields	1
Alnwick	2	Stakeford, Morpeth... ..	1
Beal	1	Tynemouth	3
Berwick	1		
Newcastle-on-Tyne... ..	6		
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WESTMORLAND.

Ambleside	1	Stainton, Milnthorpe	1
Kendal	2	Windermere	1
Kirkby Lonsdale	1		
Kirkby Stephen	1		
Pooley Bridge	1		
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SUMMARY.

LANCASHIRE	254
YORKSHIRE	171
DURHAM	40
CHEESHIRE	39
CUMBERLAND	20
NORTHUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
WESTMORLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
											548
OTHER COUNTIES	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	552

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

AT THE

ELECTION OF PATIENTS,

Held at the Town Hall, Chester, Dec. 8th, 1887,

Alderman CHAS. BROWN (Chester),

PRESIDING.

LANCASHIRE.

	Votes.
Alice Lonsdale, Livesey, Blackburn	7,898
Lillie Hughes, Salford	7,496
John Whittingdale, Burnley	7,436
Sarah Ann Christian, Manchester	7,371
Henry Bailey, Manchester	6,981
Emily Ward, Rochdale	6,938
Ernest Nuttall, Rochdale	6,922
Mary Jane Jones, Blackburn	6,909
Young Greenwood, Todmorden	6,524
James William Wood, Greenfield, Oldham	6,325
Thomas Crabtree, Heywood	6,265
Thomas Gerraty, Garstang	6,261
George Roberts, Radcliffe, Manchester... ..	6,132
Robert Marsh, Preston	6,075
Sarah Amelia Ashworth, Burnley	6,000
Margaret Blackburn, Preston	5,994
James Warren, Farnworth	5,916
John William Vickers, Farnworth	5,782
Daniel Jackson, Oswaldtwistle	5,768
Robert Hy. Edwards, Liverpool	5,440
Bessie H. Cable, Middleton, Manchester	5,252
James Bury, Bolton	4,564
Roland Critchlow, Manchester... ..	4,497
Mary Lees, Prestwich... ..	4,240
William Simm, Ashton-in-Makerfield	3,849
Annie Sophia Sayers, Colne	3,820

YORKSHIRE.

	Votes.
Annie E. Scott, Boroughbridge	5,545
William Foster, Leeds	5,332
Florence G. Slater, Bradford	5,322
Charles William Dobson, York	5,290
Ann Selina Edwards, Barnsley	4,886
Agnes Hampshire, Mirfield	4,704
Ethel H. Harrington, Hull	4,373
George William Patrick, Selby	4,186
Gertrude Alice Green, Otley	3,917
John William Gelder, York	3,731
Arthur Broadbent, Halifax	3,454
William James Turvey, York	2,867
Edith Eliza Greenhalgh, Leeds	2,845
John Thomas Taylor, Bowes	2,686
Curtis Lister, Bradford	2,681
Thomas Jas. Smart, Wortley, Sheffield... ..	2,593
Edward S. Allwood, Sheffield	2,557
Isaac Hodgson, York	2,515

CHESHIRE.

	Votes.
William Welsh, Bunbury	1,508
Arthur Hulme, Dukinfield	1,065
Henry Harrison, Chester	1,037
David J. White, Altrincham	1,031
Charles Ambrose Vowles, Birkenhead	963
Mary Martha Evans, Marbury	736

WESTMORLAND.

	Votes.
John Langhorne, New Hutton... ..	685

CUMBERLAND.

	Votes.
William James Bird, Irthington	1,124
James Mein, Holm Rook	447

DURHAM.

	Votes.
Margaret Cook, Seaham Harbour	1,314
John T. Tivenan, South Shields	1,176
Frank Hall, Croxdale, Durham	933
Geo. H. Bailes, Durham	866
John Thomas Barron, Hunstanworth	843
Edward Thomas Pearson, Durham	838

NORTHUMBERLAND.

	Votes.
John A. Howie, Stannington, Cramlington	181

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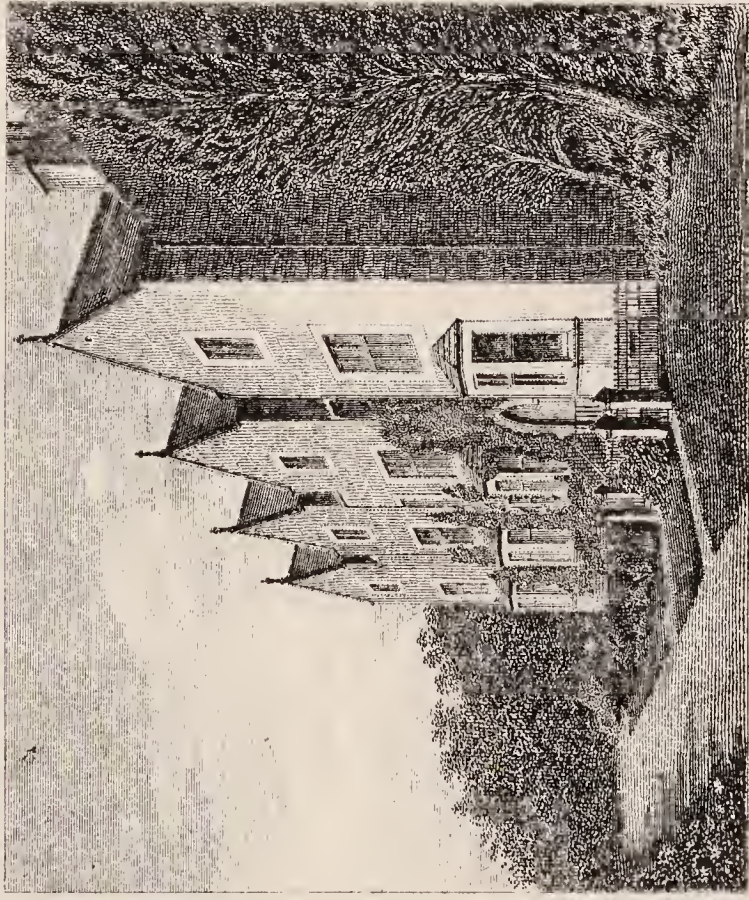


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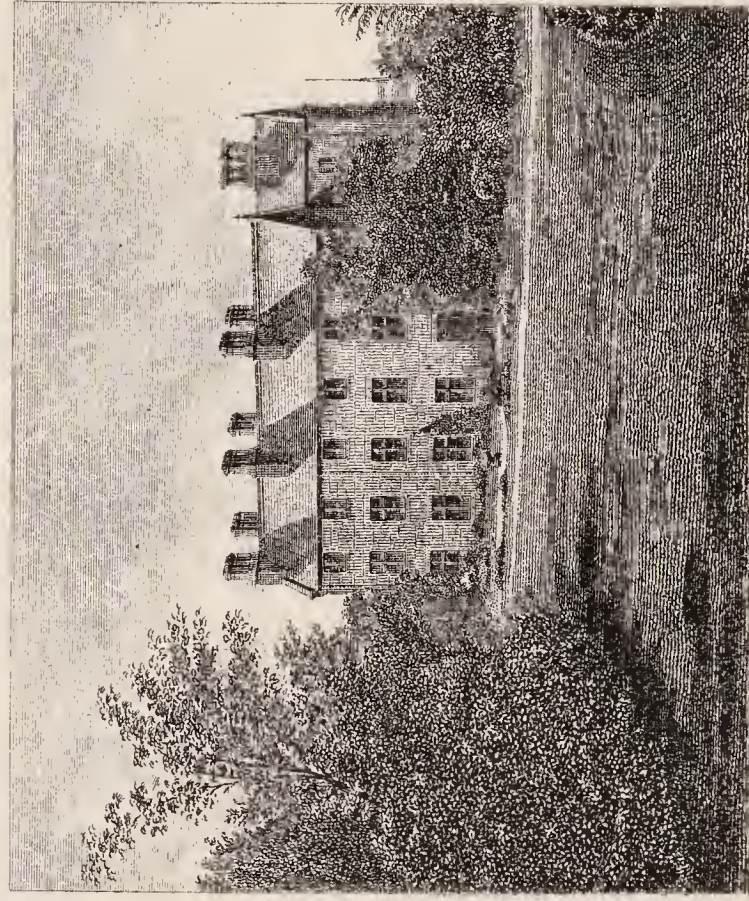
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